

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2014

Harlowton Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held March 25, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Resident Phil Wilsman addressed the Council about the Community Needs Survey. His concerns were that the survey didn't address the water project specifically and questioned why the income portion was needed and why the survey was being sent out at all. Mayor Sell stated that the surveys are sent to the funding agencies to help the City of Harlowton secure grants. Mayor Sell also explained that this survey is similar to the one sent out for the water tank project. The original survey sent by Great West Engineering was 12 pages long and there was a concern that it wouldn't be completed by the public if it was that long so it was trimmed down significantly to ensure response from the public. He told Wilsman that if he didn't feel comfortable with filling out the information he was not required to complete the survey.

The Library Board has not met yet, so there was no news on the Conference Room Use Policy.

The City Wide Clean-up Day has been set for May 9 and 10 from 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., both days.

Councilman Bryan Tomlinson reported back to the Council that he was not able to get the time off of work to make it to the meetings Snowy Mountain Development Corporation holds. Mayor Sell asked if any other Council members would be interested. He will ask again at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the landfill prices. The City's average cost per yard is \$16.59. The City currently charged \$10 per yard at the landfill, Mayor Sell pointed out that this does not mean the City is falling in the hole \$6.59 on the yardage, as we charge for other items that offset that cost. City Superintendent Ian Reed suggested that the cost per yard be raised to \$12 and the cost for the other items remain the same. The Council decided to gather more information and discuss the increases at the next meeting.

Ticket Printing.com invited the Mayor and Council to attend a ceremony where they will receive a Triangle Communications/ Rural Economic Development Loan Program economic development loan. There will be representatives from Triangle Communications and USDA and possibly State Politicians.

The City received a letter from Headwaters Recycling letting us know that the remaining equipment owned by Headwaters is going to be sold by Pate Auction of Helena. They expect the equipment to be sold in the next six weeks. Once it is all sold, they will pay their outstanding bills and then disperse the remaining funds based on the per capita formula previously approved by their Board of Directors.

City Superintendent Ian Reed reported that the City Crew has been busy fixing equipment and patching streets. They have gone through one tote of emulsion and have purchased another at the cost of \$1400.00.

The West End Well project is moving forward and the parts are out for bid. Reed is hoping the parts will start to get here next week. The City crew will be doing the plumbing work on the well that will cost the City over \$20,000.00 less than originally planned. We are no longer pumping Polyphosphates, it has been replaced with Sodium Silicate which is supposed to do a better job of trapping the particulates and sealing it to the pipes, hopefully fixing the black water problem.

Pioneer Technical has emptied their tank and the pump is currently pumping fuel but very slowly.

Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills. Teig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resident Carl Schmiedeskamp addressed the Council about a question on the Community Needs Survey about bus services and wondered if the City was planning on getting a bus service and what he could do to help. Mayor Sell told him that the Senior Citizen's Center had a bus but the City would not be planning on getting one any time soon.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is April 8, 2014.

Council Present:

Ron Teig

Bryan Tomlinson

Jim Kalitowski

John Anderson

Joe Brouillette

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk

