

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2014

Harlowton Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 8, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

The Library Board met, and came up with a policy for the use of the Conference Room. They have decided to continue keeping it for non-profit use, with the exception of artists who have their art displayed for the month in the Conference Room. The Library will make a 10% commission on the profits of the art that sells. The Library Board has set this policy and the City Council will support it.

Councilman, Bob Jones will be the City of Harlowton's representative for Snowy Mountain Development Corporation.

The Council discussed the landfill prices and what the prices should be raised to, as they have not been increased in two years. We have currently been charging \$10 per yard, the other charges for items, such as tires, appliances etc. are based on the yardage of those items. City Supt. Ian Reed has suggested raising the yardage rate to \$12 per yard and increasing the other items accordingly. For the first 9 months of the current fiscal year, the City has brought in \$17,844. We have spent \$19,401. \$2800 of that revenue is from the landfill fees, the remainder is from the utility bills. Mayor Sell guesses the revenue will get back into the black this spring when the landfill is being used regularly again. The Mayor recommends raising the cost to what Reed suggested.

Bob Jones moved to increase the yardage rate to \$12 per yard and raise the other items accordingly. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Wide Clean-up day was set at the last meeting for May 9-10, 2014. Mayor Sell has asked the Council Members to come into the City Office to designate a time they can volunteer. The Council has decided that household garbage brought out to the dump on clean-up day will be regularly charged, and batteries cannot be accepted as we cannot dispose of them. Ian Reed will adjust the other charges accordingly.

In order to apply for grants from funding agencies, the City of Harlowton needs to adopt resolutions.

John Anderson moved to adopt Resolution # 2004-4; to authorize submission of a TSEP application, with the correction of changing "Town of Cascade", to "City of Harlowton". Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Teig made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2014-5; resolution to authorize submission of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Renewable Resource (DNRC-RRGL) grant application. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Jones made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-6; a resolution accepting the findings of the Environmental Assessment and determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary for the Phase 3 Water System Improvements. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Kalitowski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-7; to adopt the final Preliminary Engineering Report and accept the recommended funding scenario for water system improvements. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Teig made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2014-8; to authorize submission of an SRF application. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sell attended a County Planning Board Meeting where the County Planner spoke about a possible up and coming oil boom, since there are 6 test wells to be drilled in the area. The City of Harlowton could look into zoning to have control ahead of time, in the event of man camps being built outside of the City. Mayor Sell asked the Council if there was interest in looking into information on applying zoning to the City. The Council was in agreement that it is a good idea to gather information.

The Upper Musselshell Conservation District wants to host Montana Range Days in 2015 and 2016, here in Harlowton. This will consist of approximately 350 students, chaperones and families staying in the camping area in the park. They would use most of the hookups in the park campground. They are asking for the City to waive the policy in which the City doesn't take reservations for the campground, so they can reserve the campground June 15-17, 2015 and June 20-22, 2016.

Bob Jones made a motion to allow the Upper Musselshell Conservation District to reserve camping spots June 15-17, 2015 and June 20-22, 2016. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman, Jim Kalitowski reported that resident, Clara Reed is willing to pay the City of Harlowton to fix the hole in the street in front of her house. Mayor Sell is going to inform City Supt. Reed.

The City received a letter from DNRC informing us that the City received a Renewable Resource Project Planning Grant for the amount of \$5,000 for the PER for the Harlowton Water System Improvements.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills; claims 13026-13051 and 13059 (Wheatland County Law Enforcement Contract- had not been added to claim approval list, but council approved it so it could be paid before next meeting). Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting April 2, 2014.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig

Joe Brouillette

Jim Kalitowski

Bob Jones

John Anderson

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk