

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 24 2014

Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held June 24, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were approved as written with the correction changing the mayor met with Snowy Mountain Development Corp. to the mayor met with members of Montana DEQ.

There was discussion to increase the City Council members and Mayor's salaries. The council currently makes a maximum of \$800 per year and that is if all meetings are attended. It comes to about \$33 per meeting. The Mayor currently makes \$250 per month and puts in approximately 20 hours per week, coming to \$3.12 per hour. Other cities and towns are paying their mayors and council members more money and it was asked to be considered and discussed at the next meeting, July 8, 2014. Mayor Sell suggested raising the council salaries to \$50 per meeting and raising the mayor's salary to \$500 per month. Mayor Sell thinks the salary increase will also be incentive for people to run for the elected official positions in the future. MCA 7-3-4255: Compensation of mayor, council members, and employees was questioned by Shelli Randles. Mayor Sell had spoken with City Attorney, Jon Hesse and was told that it was ok to raise salaries higher than what MCA 7-3-4255 states.

The City of Harlowton needs to amend the budget for fiscal year 13-14. John Anderson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, MODIFYING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES IN LINE ITEMS 337000, 362000, AND 365000 DUE TO GRANT MONEY RECEIVED BY THE CITY. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Four Corners Recycling emptied the bins and the City got a credit of \$293.22 for cans, plastic and paper.

City Superintendent, Ian Reed reported that the crew has finished their portion of the West End Well and they are waiting on the electrician and Reed is hopeful that the well will be running by the 4th of July. There were two small water breaks that the crew fixed and they have been busy mowing.

Mayor Sell reminded the council that if there are decay ordinance violation complaints they should be reported to Jayme Colby at the City Office so it can be documented, and the council can check to see if it is in fact in violation and can then be sent to the City Attorney.

Mayor Sell addressed the council and encouraged them to speak to people in their wards to encourage the public to run for the positions on the Government Review Committee since the public voted to have the review done.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, check numbers 19182-19189. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting July 8, 2014.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig

Bryan Tomlinson

Bob Jones

John Anderson

Jim Kalitowski

Joe Brouillette

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk