

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on June 22, 2021. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Council meeting were approved with the change of “in” to “on” in the Pool Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member Marilyn Fake asked if there was a noise ordinance. Discussion ensued. From 10pm to 8am was thought to be the cut off time for excessive noise but it was not for sure confirmed.

Community member Rob Elwood stated that the City should be aware of the issues with the closing/moving of the hospital. USDA “in kind” loans were also mentioned. Discussion ensued regarding future meetings regarding the hospital.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Mayor Paul Otten stated that recently an engineer had come out to the City property formally known as “Biegel’s Bar”. She assessed the basement, took pictures and did measurements.
- 2) City Clerk-Treasurer Lara Brisco stated that she had gotten the help she needed from other City Clerks and the funds would be ok. She would be putting together an end of the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget amendment to be voted on at the next council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Jack Runner stated that 45 kids were enrolled in the summer reading program. Thirty two were elementary aged and 8 were middle school/high school aged. Also, almost 900 books had been checked out over the last month.

Ordinance Committee chair Frank Brouillette was not present. Jack gave the report as well. The floodplain ordinance was discussed with City Attorney, Karen Hammel. The Ordinances date back to 1919 and had been reviewed multiple times through 1981-1992. The ordinance committee also looked at the cat/dog ordinances as well as long term parking on residential streets.

Council member Charley Bennett gave an update on the pool. The boiler was running great. The water was a cloudy so Thompson Pools analyzed a sample and the chemical guy adjusted the machine. It wasn’t calibrated.

Public Works Director Bob Schuchard stated that there was nothing new to report on the Tree Board.

Ron Teig was not present to give a report on the Wetlands Rail Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Harlo Music Project, Color Run and Moose Dance Party street closure requests were reviewed. Charley made a motion to approve all 3 requests. Jack seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2) The Inter-local authority agreement was reviewed. Paul stated that there would be no vote yet because Karen was still reviewing the documents. The charges and fees needed to be stated more clearly before the City could agree. Paul would talk to County Attorney, Lynn Grant regarding what Page Dringman charges for her services.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Director Bob Schuchard gave a report. Do-All Construction had finished Phase 4 paving for the water upgrade project. The sewer upgrade project was on schedule. The boiler at the pool was working great.

The RD water project was discussed. There were issues/concerns with new water in old pipes. Bob had looked into it and found out that because the new water was so pure, chemicals would not be an issue.

The Public Works Department was working on patching holes and getting ready for 4th of July events in town.

MAYOR REPORT

Paul gave a report. He and Bob had a conference call for Phase 5 of the water upgrade project. Bids would start in the fall. The actual start date would be dependent on the weather.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be July 13, 2021
at 7:00pm.

CLAIMS

Jack made a motion to pay claims from 6/7/21 to 6/18/21. Charley seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Council Members Present: Charley Bennett, Jack Runner, Allison Jones, Jim Kalitowski

Council not present: Frank Brouillette, Ron Teig

City Office: Mayor Paul Otten, City Clerk-Treasurer Lara Brisco, Public Works Director Bob Schuchard

Public Present: Rob Elwood, Terry Steuben, Marilyn Fake

Paul Otten, Mayor

Lara Brisco, Clerk-Treasurer