

Harlowton City Council Minutes
July 13, 2021
Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on July 13, 2021. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Council minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Mayor Paul Otten stated that he had no news to report from SMDC on the City property formally known as Biegel's Bar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Jack Runner stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the Library.

Committee Chair Frank Brouillette was not present so Jack gave an update on the Ordinance Committee. The Committee is currently working on the Floodplain subdivision ordinance documents.

Council member Charley Bennett gave a report on the pool. Thompson Pools had received both heater. In September they would be bead blasting the pool floor and painting. They would put in the heaters then as well. Charley was looking into having Thompson Pools put in a chemical system which the City would own but Thompson Pools would maintain for the City.

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

Council member Ron Teig was not present to give a report on the Wetlands Rail Trail. Bob stated that DEQ and Jason Seyler were in town for the week to do more asbestos removal at the Roundhouse.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Bob Jones presented the Council with documents. He would like to purchase a City owned property that sits between the Graves Hotel and the "Painter" house. Bob Schuchard stated that there was a sewer line through that area but the exact location was not determined. A company would be in town the following week that would be able to help trace the sewer line more accurately. Bob Jones understood that the purchase of the land would be based on what the company found out. The purchase of the land would be on hold until more information could be collected.

2) Kelsey Miller from the Wheatland County Weed District was present to give the Council more information regarding a cooperative agreement as well as options for managing noxious weeds on City owned property. The document outlined terms and conditions between the City and the County Weed District. It would also keep everyone in compliance with short term and long term

goals for managing the noxious weeds. When budgeting for managing the weeds, there would also be grant opportunities available through the State. Kelsey stated that she would like to check in with the City in Spring and Fall to stay on track with “weed goals”.

Kelsey also stated that she would like to work with the city in creating the verbiage for City leases so the person leasing the property would be in compliance with maintaining noxious weed removal.

3) Gary Olsen was present to express his concerns regarding the noxious weeds on City owned property he had previously leased. He stated that he had done his best to remove the weeds. Gary gave some history on some of the plants found on the property.

4) The Harlo Music Project Part 2 would take place on August 14. The event was requesting that part of Central Ave be closed off from 7am to 12pm for the event. Charley made a motion to approve the request. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5) Public Works Director Bob Schuchard is concerned with the amount of bulk water being purchased from the City as well as how much water is being consumed by the City for watering lawns. Currently about 100,000 gallons a day are being pulled from the well. Bob proposed that there be a schedule set to water lawns. Discussion ensued regarding whether the bulk water prices should be raised. They are currently 0.02 cents per gallon. Community member Susan Beley stated her concerns regarding the people in town that use automatic sprinkler systems. It was proposed that people with even numbered house addresses water on even days of the month and odd house numbers water on odd numbered days. Also, watering should take place between 6pm and 10am. Charley made a motion to pass the watering schedule. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The new rule would be posted in the Times Clarion as well as on the Facebook page.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Ninety percent of the lagoon building had been built. Plumbing would start next. The Wastewater Project would be having a meeting the following day at City Hall. Repairing streets around town that were torn up last summer during the water project would start soon. It would be costly to the residents affected.

Bob is concerned with people in town using the dumpster at Chief Joseph Park for their own personal waste. Discussion ensued regarding putting up a camera, and whether an ordinance exists requiring people to have their own garbage service.

MAYOR REPORT

Paul informed the Council that there would be a Wastewater Project Update meeting tomorrow at City Hall.

Discussion ensued regarding the new water line coming in from Garniell and what the new base rate would be for utilities when it arrives. It was unclear if it would be \$120.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be July 27, 2021
at 7:00pm.

CLAIMS

Allison made a motion for the claims from June 21st to July 9th be approved for payment. Jack seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Frank Brouillette, Ron Teig

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

Public Present: Dan Edwards, Gary Olsen, Kelsey Miller, Susan Beley

Paul Otten, Mayor

Lara Brisco, Clerk-Treasurer