

Harlowton City Council Minutes
February 17, 2015
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held February 17, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Edmond Taylor responded to the call for public comment. He has a concern regarding a tree that is possibly endangering his private property. Ian Reed will investigate the situation.

The Harlowton Mom's Group was represented by Lindsay Dick and Emerald Parisi. They requested the city approve allowing them to file for the Bair Family Grant and Callant Family Foundation Grant through the city. The preliminary plans for playground improvements to the Chief Joseph Park, which Ian Reed has been involved in, were discussed and rough drawings were presented. Mayor Sell suggested the group also look into grants offered by other agencies as well. Jim Kalitowski made the motion to allow this group to apply for grants using the city of Harlowton's identity. John Anderson seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

The hours of operation for the city hall were discussed. No council members reported any public concern regarding the proposed change of hours. Bob Jones made the motion to change the hours open to the public for the city hall to be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am to noon; 1:00pm to 5:00. Ron Teig seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sell reported that attorney Hess had not been able to complete the preparation of the resolution regarding annexation of the Corral Motel and Sportsman's Bar. In addition Hess would not be prepared for the meeting tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2015 regarding codification of our ordinance as originally thought.

Ian Reed presented proposed changes to the transfer station fee schedule. The council was requested to review the proposed fee schedule and come prepared to the next meeting to discuss the changes.

A discussion regarding the fees charged for re-connecting severed water lines ensued. City office staff are instructed to tell customers that severed water line re-connect fees are \$400.00 plus expenses and new connections fees are \$800.00 plus expenses. If the customer wants better estimates they are to call the city superintendent.

Ian Reed, city superintendent, reported on the need for new fire rings at the campgrounds. This is in the city budget for this fiscal year. New signs for the entrances to the Chief Joseph Park were discussed. Ian is preparing a grant to request approximately \$1200 for this project. Ian presented information on a self-propelled water sprinkling system for the ball field. There are park sprinkler funds available and the estimated cost for this sprinkler would be \$2700. Ian also reported that the parts have arrived to upgrade the chlorine systems change over process. Implementing this improved system will save on chlorine product waste and will pay for itself within two years. This was also in this fiscal year's budget. Ian Reed and Robert Schuchard will be attending the Rural Water Conference in Great Falls. This will allow them to get the needed continued education credits

for certain licensing they hold. The City's sidewalk project bid opens Tuesday February 24, 2015. Ian also presented a possible project to enhance the pool area. He will be putting together a grant application to possibly install water "spouters" for young children to play in outside of the pool area.

Lori Teig from the Chamber of Commerce reported on their project to beautify the main street of Harlowton. They have worked closely with Ian Reed and have decided to order planter boxes and garbage receptacles. These will be paid out of Chamber of Commerce funds.

Bob Jones reported on the City Government Review committee meeting held February 16, 2015. Beth Keating was elected chair. They adopted a budget of \$10,000. They will be meeting the 3rd Monday of each month. Public comment and input will be needed and they hope to have more community involvement for those meetings.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19559-19582. Robert Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig
Joe Brouillette
Bob Jones
John Anderson
Jim Kalitowski

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk