

Harlowton City Council Minutes
April 28, 2015
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held April 28, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Bob Jones was not present so there was no report on the government study commission.

John Anderson reported that the replacement of the front of the library was to start soon. The library board decided to upgrade the back library door to an automatic handicapped access door. Kathleen and Debbie had attended the library convention and found the education to be very helpful. Lego club has started.

Mayor Sell reported that the lighting district has a loss of approximately \$8,800 through March 2015. That was about what was expected when rates were set. Currently the rate is a flat assessment of \$30.00.

The Thompson well needs a new pump. Solicitation to bidders were sent out with bids requested to be submitted within 10 days. Engineers have been consulted to get a correctly sized and sufficient pump that will hopefully last longer than the past Thompson well pumps.

The Charles M. Bair Family Trust has awarded the city \$45,000.00 for the playground equipment and park upgrades at Chief Joseph Park. The Harlowton Mom's group and Mandie Reed, MSU Wheatland County Extension Agent wrote the grant. The deadline for use of these funds is March 1, 2016.

Ian Reed, City Superintendent, reported on the Jawbone Creek dam project. He is still waiting for the official inspection report. He is hoping to be able to wrap the broken pipe rather than having to do a complete replacement. The city crew has been street patching and the street sweeper has been making the rounds. Jack Barnhart is the new seasonal employee for the city crew.

May 8th and 9th are city clean up days. The transfer station will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on those days.

Council Member, Bryan Tomlinson noted that he will be working the full day of May 8th at the transfer station. The company Bryan works for, Spectra Energy supports their employees in volunteering for their communities. Bryan also wanted to know the progress on the fireworks ordinance. Jeff reported that he will get with the attorney on the progress. Bryan wants an ordinance ready for the next board meeting. Bryan is also concerned about the lease of the old city dump. Currently there is rock cutting going on and this produces a large amount of rock chip and garbage remains. Jeff will work with the leasee to make sure that this is cleaned up and not left as a city expense to deal with.

The next meeting of the Harlowton City Council will be May 12, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton Library Conference room.

Jeff noted that the MT legislature had adjourned and an infrastructure bill was not passed.

John Anderson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19704-19714. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson
Joe Brouillette
Jim Kalitowski
Ron Teig
Bryan Tomlinson

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk