

June 9, 2026
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on May 26, 2026. The meeting opened at 7:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Susan Beley moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Council meeting as written. Councilmember Kyle Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library: Councilmember Susan Beley reported the library board did not have a meeting last week for lack of a quorum. They are having a meeting at noon on Friday to approve their Emergency Plan. The Summer Reading Program starts June 9th. It will run through June and July on Tuesdays. The library is having a Flag Day celebration June 9th in conjunction with the theater.

Tree Board: Councilmember Vicki Paddock reported there will be a Tree Board Meeting on May 27th from 2-4pm for Strategic Planning for the trees.

Recreation: Councilmember Charley Bennett reported the Recreation Committee met to talk about the skate park and the pickleball court. The pool is filled and will be open as soon as the lifeguards are trained. Dane Elwood said he heard the pickleball court straddled the property line of the city and Kiwanis. Mayor Runner assured Dane the pickleball court is on city property.

Ordinance: The Ordinance Committee did not meet tonight because of the Public Hearing

Railyard/Roundhouse/Wetlands Trail: No report as we have no committee yet

OLD BUSINESS:

Donna Neste-Hospital Update: Donna Neste reported they moved into the new facility on March 16th. She said they are working on community outreach to let people know they have state of the art imagery and can work with people's doctors and people can have tests run here in town. The state will also be working on the highway in front of the hospital and adding a turn lane into the hospital. Donna also let the council know they have two dedicated providers for the clinic, and they are looking for one more.

Resolution 2026-16 Roundhouse Grant Funding: Resolution 2026-16 was updated to include the city's contribution of approximately \$3225 each year for the next 8 years as Snowy Mountain Development works to find grant funding to continue rehabbing the Roundhouse area. There is a breakdown of all the grants Snowy Mountain is going to try for here at City Hall if anyone would like to take a look at them. Councilmember Susan Beley is going to apply for Wind Farm grant to pay for the first payment the city needs to make. Councilmember Vicki Paddock moved to approve Resolution 2026-16 allowing Jason Seyler and Tonya Garber to work on finding grant funding to continue rehabbing the roundhouse area. Councilmember Susan Beley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading for 01-2026 Ordinance Title 13 Franchises: Mayor Runner asked if there was a motion to accept the second reading of 01-2026 Ordinance Title 13 Franchises. Councilmember Susan Beley moved to adopt the changes in 01-2026 Ordinance Title 13 Franchises. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading for 02-2026 Ordinance Title 15 Buildings and Construction: Mayor Runner asked if there was a motion to accept the second reading 02-2026 Ordinance Title 15 Building and Construction. Councilmember Susan Beley moved to adopt 20-2026 Title 15 Buildings and Construction Ordinance. Councilmember John Billadeau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading for 04-2026 Repealing Tree Board Ordinance: Mayor Runner asked if there was a motion to accept 04-2026 repealing the Tree Board Ordinance. Councilmember Susan Beley moved to accept 04-2026 repealing the Tree Board Ordinance. Councilmember John Billadeau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fischer Park Flowers: Mayor Runner reported that Aubrey and Claire Miller volunteered to work on the flowers at Fischer Park. There was discussion on the amount to spend for flowers. There is \$200 in the park budget for flowers. Councilmember Susan Beley said **she knew of someone that would donate \$100**. Councilmember Frank Brouillette moved to have Millers spend \$200 on flowers for Fischer Park and they will get reimbursed by the city. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2026-15 Water/Sewer Rate Change: Mayor Runner asked if Council would postpone a decision on this resolution until next meeting so we can change the active date to July 1st. Councilmember John Billadeau moved to postpone action on Resolution 2026-15 until the next council meeting. Councilmember Kyle Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Billing Severed Lines: Mayor Runner explained that he read through the ordinances and there is an old ordinance that said charges would be figured on the number of toilets, sink, etc. He would like to know what the council thinks about charging the accounts that are on our lists. Councilmember Susan Beley had questions about who was going to be charged. Council would like to look at the list and make a decision after they have had an opportunity to look at the list. Councilmember Frank Brouillette moved to postpone this issue and have the list emailed to the Council. Councilmember Charley Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2nd Council Meeting in June: Mayor Runner reported that the seconded Council meeting in June runs up against June 19th (Juneteenth) for getting the council packets out. He asked if we could change the meeting to either June 25th or 30th. Council felt the 30th would work better for all of them. Councilmember John Billadeau moved to change the second council meeting in June to June 30th. Councilmember Kyle Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Removal of Equipment on Skatepark to lessen liability: The Recreation Committee discussed removing the equipment from the skatepark to lessen liability. After much discussion, Councilmember Susan Beley moved to remove the equipment and store it. Councilmember John Billadeau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sod & Sprinkler System on North side of pickleball court: Mayor Runner explained that the Kiwanis with donations from their club and Keith Hill are putting in sod and a sprinkler system on the north end of the pickleball court. They needed two loads of dirt from the city to help level this. There was some discrepancy as to whether this landscaping had been included in the improvements that were approved last year in July. After much discussion, Councilmember John Billadeau moved to approve the donated sod and sprinkler system being installed on the north end of the pickleball court and any further work and/or improvements must be okayed by council before they are done. Councilmember Frank Brouillette seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 for and 1 against.

Civic Plus Contract: Mayor Runner would like to postpone discussion of the Civic Plus contract until the June 9th meeting, until he has had a chance to contact Civic Plus and talk to Brent Brooks more about the contract. Councilmember Frank Brouillette moved to postpone discussion of the Civic Plus contract to the June 9th Council meeting. Councilmember Kyle Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: Public Works Director Bob Schuchard reported the High School Rodeo Committee did a great job, no headaches for him. They have the Jawbone Dam yearly inspection coming up. They are sweeping streets and painting lines in preparation for the 4th of July activities. As soon as school is out, they will start work on the crosswalk up by the elementary school.

REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER: Clerk-Treasurer Anita Leach reminded everyone of the e-waste recycling event June 4th from 9-1. And they are preparing for the audit.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Runner reported we received the \$30,000 grant for repairing the Jawbone Dam. He reminded Council as they are going through changes on the ordinances, policies and procedures, that council needs to follow the rules in order to have people follow them as well.

REPORT OF ATTORNEY: City Attorney Brent Brooks reported he has a DUI case that looks like there will be a change of plea. He has a couple of animal cruelty cases. He is working on the park use agreement. Brent is attending the July 10 MLCT/MMIA Summit and encourages council to attend one of them. They are good information.

REPORT OF WCSO: None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Water rate resolution, Billing severed lines, Civic Plus Contract

CLAIMS:

Councilmember Frank Brouillette made a motion to approve claims, 22789-22826.
Councilmember John Billadeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Council Members Present: Susan Beley, Kyle Lawson, Charley Bennett, Vicki Paddock, Frank Brouillette, John Billadeau

Council Members Absent: None

City Office: Mayor Jack Runner, City Clerk-Treasurer Anita Leach, Public Works Director Bob Schuchard, City Attorney Brent Brooks

Public Present: Claire Miller, Aubrey Miller, Dane Elwood, Julie Berg, Donna Neste, Charlotte Runner

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer