

Harlowton City Council Minutes
July 14, 2015
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held July 14, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Dennis Tandberg addressed the council during public comment with a request for help with water drainage (attached). Jeff requested council members Bob Jones and Joe Brouillette to make an appointment with Dennis to review the situation on-site along with Bob Schuchard and/or Ian Reed. Council members will report back their findings.

There was no Library report given.

Emerald Parisi from the Harlowton Mom's group had requested to be removed from the agenda after the agenda was posted.

The DNRC Flooplain program requested the council to send a document to the DNRC stating that the city of Harlowton would be interested in updated floodplain mapping as the DNRC is writing grants to fund the project. A motion was made by Bob Jones and 2nd by Bryan Tomlinson to request updated floodplain mapping from the DNRC. John Anderson wanted clarification that this is a project being instigated and funded through DNRC. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell presented more information on a "West-End Special Improvement District" that would include curb, gutter, storm drain and paving on city streets on the west end of town. The quote from Great West for a preliminary engineering report was for \$10,000. This engineering report will provide needed information for the tax payers in that area to determine if they want to follow through with a SID. Bob Jones made a motion to allocate up to \$10,000 from the street maintenance fund to pay for a preliminary engineering report from Great West to determine costs to individual tax payers to implement the SID. John Anderson seconded the motion. Bob Jones, John Anderson, Jim Kalitowski all voted in favor, Joe Brouillette voted against, Bryan Tomlinson abstained from voting, and Ron Teig was absent. Motion passed with a 3/1/1 vote. Jeff Sell stated he would see if Great West could provide a "ball park" figure for the SID improvements before proceeding with the preliminary engineering process.

The council reviewed the fiscal year ending June 2014 audit findings and responses.

Jeff Sell reported that the City had received \$115,700 from the Callant Family Foundation for various projects. Thank You notes will be sent from the various recipients to Larry Callant for his generous donations.

A complaint process was presented to the council for review. It addresses a process that the city will do prior to escalating a complaint to the city attorney. This process in no way is to interfere with immediate reporting to police if necessary. All council members present were in favor of the process.

Ian Reed was out of the state so no city superintendent report was given. John Anderson asked if the city was spraying for mosquitos with different product as the mosquitoes seemed immune to it. Jeff stated spraying was happening in addition to “mosquito dunks” being put out in areas. Bryan Tomlinson reported a resident had dumped gravel on top of a city manhole and he had asked the resident to move the pile. Bryan also asked if the city had an ordinance regarding parked vehicles blocking alleyways. He had asked a resident to move a vehicle that was blocking an alleyway.

The next council meeting will be July 28, 2015 at 7:00pm in the city hall. Bob Jones will be out of the state at that time.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19808 to #19847 from the June 20 through July 10 claims. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff stated the Central MT Water Authority would be meeting in the Library at 1:00 on July 15, 2015.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Joe Brouillette, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Bryan Tomlinson

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk