

July 28, 2026
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on July 14, 2026. The meeting opened at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Frank Brouillette presided in the absence of Mayor Runner.

The minutes of the June 30, 2026, Council meeting were approved as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: Dane Elwood asked that the air conditioner be turned off so he could hear.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library: Councilmember Susan Beley had nothing new to report.

Tree Board: Councilmember Vicki Paddock reported there will be a Tree Board meeting July 27th at 3pm at City Hall. Jennifer is returning to go over the planning session.

Pool: Councilmember Charley Bennett reported on the pool's chemical imbalance. They had to drain half the water, shock the pool and refill it. They reopened on Saturday. The pickleball court is open for people to use also.

Ordinance: Councilmember Frank Brouillette reported the Ordinance committee has not met.

Wetlands Trail: No committee

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

COLA Raises: Council President Frank Brouillette explained the proposed amount for COLA raises this year is 2.8%. He feels that is a good amount, he also mentioned going through the examples for the other towns of the same sizes, all the city employees are fairly compensated except for Anita. Council President Frank Brouillette would like to see her raised to \$25-26 per hour to bring her wages in line with the average. Councilmember Susan Beley would like to see these two issues as two separate motions. Councilmember John Billadeau moved to give the employees a 2.8% COLA raise. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed with 5 yes and 1 abstaining. Councilmember John Billadeau moved to increase Anita's wages to \$26/hour. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A&R Invoices: Council President Frank Brouillette explained that the way the contract is written, we are liable for the invoice. He would also like to have it on record that we are not doing business with A&R going forward. Councilmember Susan Beley moved to pay the invoices and have it in the minutes that we are not doing business with this company again. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CDBG Grant for CIP-Great West: Council President Frank Brouillette reminded the council that this is the grant to get funding for our CIP. Councilmember Charley moved to approve the grant for the CIP. Councilmember Susan Beley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Library Gutter Bid: Council President Frank Brouillette explained we need to postpone this item until the next meeting. Jack is trying to get ahold of the building owner to see if we can work on a deal to do the project together. Councilmember Susan Beley moved to postpone the library gutter bids until the next meeting. Councilmember Vicki Paddock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

FWP Weed Grant: Lauri Ward was not in attendance.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: Public Works Director Bob Schuchard reported all the warranty work with COP Construction is done except for the pavement. They have done some fire prevention out at the landfill and because of the flood warnings they have been working on flood prevention also. Chip has been spraying a lot of weeds.

REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER: Clerk-Treasurer Anita Leach reported she has been working on the audit and the budget.

MAYORS REPORT: None

REPORT OF ATTORNEY: City Attorney Brent Brooks reported he has seven misdemeanor cases. He has one petition to revoke probation. He will have two jury trials, one in late July and one in August and he is two-thirds through the Civic Plus report.

REPORT OF WCSO: None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Library Gutter Bids, FWP Weed Grant

CLAIMS:

Councilmember Frank Brouillette made a motion to approve claims, 22879-22925. Councilmember Susan Beley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

Public Present: Dane Elwood, Tyrel Miller

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer