

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held August 11, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Dennis Tandberg addressed the council during public comment regarding his prior request for help with water drainage. The city crew will work on cleaning the south side ditch of the accumulated sediment. Jeff would like to go look at the situation with Ian or Bob to see what else could be done.

Jeff reported that Great West had dropped the price for the engineering estimate for the west end special improvement district to \$5,000. The city has been gathering the information regarding the lineal footage for the properties that would be affected. No contract has been signed yet with Great West.

Amy Collins addressed the city council with a list of project she had been compiling regarding pool maintenance and upgrades for the upcoming years. She also stated that the last day the pool would be open for the seasons would be August 22, 2015. Kay Bornong has been working with Amy to get a feel for the operations of the pool. Amy will return next season only to certify life guards.

Beth Keating presented the final report of the Government Study Commission (attached). The committee recommends no changes in the form of government for the City of Harlowton.

Gary Olsen, president of the Upper Musselshell Historic Society addressed the council. They are requesting assistance in resolving water issues that are damaging the “Times Building”. The building has sustained water damage recently and the society feels that the cause could be the handicapped sidewalk curb and sidewalk grade. Jeff and Ian will discuss options with Great West engineers.

Council member Joe Brouillette asked Gary Olsen (who is also a Wheatland County weed control officer) about the amount of spotted knapweed in the community. Gary indicated that with all the moisture that we have received spotted knapweed is very prevalent this year.

City Superintendent Ian Reed indicated he has done some research regarding the water issue at the Times Building and said that these particular handicap access sidewalks are causing trouble all over the nation. A soft start has been installed on the lagoon blowers. DEQ lagoon expert Steve Harris had tested the City of Harlowton’s lagoons and indicated our system was working well. The city crew will be working on installing more pipeline within the next two weeks – dependent upon the contractor’s schedule. The crew will also be performing chip sealing in September when the needed equipment is available to use. Council member Jim Kalitowski mentioned that there is still a large hole at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and C Avenue. Ian said they were waiting for the C Avenue sidewalk project to be completed before fixing that hole. However the sidewalk project is behind schedule and the weather may turn cold before this hole can be fixed. Council member Joe Brouillette asked about the buildings that are for sale at Harlowton Auto being too close to the Chief Joseph Park sign. Jeff stated the sign was being replaced and they would make sure the Harlowton Auto building were not too close to the sign. Council members inquired about the traffic mirror that used to be on the pole at the intersection of Central

Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW. The pole that the mirror used to be on was replaced and moved about 4 feet away. There is more work to be done on that corner and Ian felt it would be better to wait until work was done before replacing the mirror so it wouldn't get broken.

The next council meeting will be August 1, 2015 at 7:00pm in the city hall. The date has been moved to accommodate the required public posting of the city budget public hearing process.

John Anderson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19847 to #19858 from the July 11 through July 24 claims. Bob Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19862 to #19893 from the July 25 through August 7 claims. John Anderson seconded. Motion approved by John Anderson, Joe Brouillette, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, and Ron Teig. Bryan Tomlinson abstained from approving claim 14095 which was a claim to his personal company.

Council Members Present:

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

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk