

Harlowton City Council Minutes
September 13, 2016
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held September 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the August 30, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Ian Reed and Jeff Sell gave an update on the progress of the phase III water project. Progress is slow. There is a new sub-contractor working on Central Avenue North that is doing well. Craig Martin's crew is almost done with their portion. There is currently a leak situation on A Ave NE with Cold Iron Contractors. That portion of the line will not pass a pressure test. Battle Ridge has progressed on A Avenue SW. With the rain this past week, temporary fill used has become extremely muddy. A few complaints were received and addressed regarding this.

Jeff updated the council on the decay ordinance process. A new nuisance ordinance was prepared by John Hesse. Jeff is not satisfied with the ordinance and will contact the attorney about it.

There were no committee reports.

Ian reported that the city still has not received solid quotes from the supplier for re-paving certain streets. It is hoped to use the same contractor for asphaltting these streets as for repairing streets due to the phase III water project. This will hopefully keep the cost down.

Jeff reported on the street light district. There are 528 tax parcels currently being charged \$30 per parcel. The light district electricity costs for fiscal year 2016 were \$31,668.50 leaving a shortfall of \$15,828.50. Discussion ensued about proposed rate increases. Street lights on the highway are billed to the city. The new rest area's lights on the east end of town are paid by the state. Bryan Tomlinson made the motion to start the process of intent to increase the per parcel charge for the lighting district from \$30.00 per tax parcel to \$40.00 per tax parcel. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Jeff stated he believes we need to do the public hearing process in order to enact this change. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff reported on the street maintenance district. As any proposed changes were to be reported to the department of revenue by August, Jeff asked that this discussion be postponed until later in the year.

Jeff reported that not enough research has been done yet on a parks and recreation district. More information will be gathered.

Jeff reported on the 4th quarter FY 2016 financial statements.

Ian reported that the west end well had started artesian-ing again. The control panel is working again however the pump is probably dead. It has been determined that a new pump could be installed approximately another 50 feet deeper. A level transducer should be installed on this pump so it will shut

off automatically. It will cost approximately \$10,000 to extend the pipe, pull the pump and replace it. There is a possibility that phase III funds could be used to pay for this.

Jeff Perry has been hauling fill to the park playground to get the area to grade. Fall protection and bumpers will be placed once the area is to grade.

The next city council meeting will be held on September 27, 2016 at 7:00pm in the city hall. On that agenda will be: asphalt for street re-paving and FY 2016 budget amendments.

There were questions regarding the NW Energy invoice as well as the John Hesse invoice. Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #20520-20537 from the August 27, 2016 through September 9, 2016 claims. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson (arrived at 7:09)

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk