

Harlowton City Council Minutes
October 11, 2016
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the September 27, 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. MT DOT shut down the highway crossing project at A Avenue NW/SW due to bad weather. It is hoped that it can be done on Wednesday October 12 as notices have gone out to the affected customers. This crossing will be done in two phases with flagging as traffic will be restricted to one lane. The other highway crossings were bored under. This one cannot be bored as there is a "T" in the intersection that needs to be accessed. A new schedule has been issued to the contractors and they are now on schedule.

Paving is hoped to be started on Monday October 17 for Division, Central N and both A Avenues.

Jon Hess will be present at the October 25, 2016 council meeting to discuss the decay ordinance.

Mahurin Excavating and Drilling has been approved to pull the west end well pump for repairs.

The Chief Joseph Park playground project is progressing. Fund raising if ongoing to meet the required match for the FWP grant.

There were no committee reports.

Jeff reported that the Department of Military Affairs needs notice from the City of Harlowton by November 1, 2016 of our intentions to not purchase the National Guard Armory building. It has been appraised at \$375,000. Resident Tom Horan asked if the city could purchase it to make an "incubator business" out of it. If the City couldn't afford that could it be a joint effort with the county. He feels it could be a valuable asset for economic development in our community. Jeff informed the council and Tom Horan that a joint county/city public meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2016 7:00 pm to discuss options for the building. He asked that all available council members attend. Ian reported that county commissioner Richard Moe and himself had attended a Snowy Mountain Development Corporation meeting where options were discussed regarding the building.

Ian reported that the water tower tank had been cleaned. Two inches of sediment was found in the bottom. The mixer will be replaced October 12, 2016. Council approved going ahead with the Phase 3 water project highway crossing on Wednesday October 12 even though notice was given to residents that it would happen on Tuesday October 11. Notice was placed on FaceBook to notify as many people as possible of this change. There is top soil piled at the Chief Joseph Park playground area that needs to be spread by hand. Paul Otten asked if the fence gate had been straightened out. Ian reported that he has gone through a work list with Todd Schock on things that need to be fixed regarding the fence around the playground.

The next city council meeting will be held on October 25 at 7:00pm in the city hall. Jon Hesse will be in attendance to discuss the decay ordinance. Final decision regarding the National Guard Armory building will need to be made in order to notify the Department of Military Affairs of the City's decision.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, checks #20565-20594 from the September 24, 2016 through October 7, 2016 claims. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk