

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
October 13, 2015  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held October 13, 2015 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Council member Joe B inquired about the west-end SID project progress. Mayor Jeff Sell responded that Great West Engineering was scheduled to do their walk through on October 14.

Council member Bryan T reported he had met with an electrician regarding the Chief Joseph RV Park electrical hookups. Lauri Teig is writing a grant to upgrade the electrical hookups in the RV park to 320 amps.

Jeff reported that the Harlowton Kiwanis club had done a fund raiser for the Chief Joseph park playground equipment. Mandie Reed is writing another grant for playground equipment as well. The first step the city crew will work on is filling the area in to raise it above the surrounding roadways. Then black chain link fencing will be installed.

Joe B inquired about the chip sealing project. The city crew is done with what they are going to do for this year. Jeff reported it was a learning process with new equipment and products.

Jeff reported that the C Avenue sidewalks are mostly done. There is a bit of clean up yet to do. Great West Engineers will perform their walk-through on October 14, 2015.

Council member John A inquired about the electric box by Midtown Market that operates the crosswalk lights. It has been requested of Ian to check with the state on moving it as it poses a hazard to walkers.

Resolution 2015-8 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF FEES TO RE-CONNECT TO THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AFTER A TEMPORARY VACATION was read. Discussion was held. John Anderson made a motion to approve resolution 2015-8. Jim Kalitowski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The city of Harlowton was awarded \$450,000 of CDBG funding for phase III of the water line replacement project. Bids for the project will hopefully take place in late winter with construction starting in the summer of 2016.

Jeff reported that John Weikel (formerly of Rural Water Development) had performed a preliminary recalculation of the city's water and sewer rates. The city would still need to go through the complete process of public hearings and resolutions to change any rates charged to the city residents. Kathie and Jeff will continue to research the rate changes.

Jeff reported that the city crew had completed the chip sealing for the year. They had also completed some landscape cleanup pertaining to the C Avenue sidewalk project. The crew will work on the park playground grade and fencing this fall. The east end of the football field is now open for traffic.

The next council meeting will be October 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the city hall.

Jeff stated he would be out of the state October 16-23, 2015. Bryan stated he would possible be gone October 23-28, 2015.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #19973 to #19995 from the September 19 through October 9 claims. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

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

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk