

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
October 25, 2016  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held October 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the October 11, 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 and paving of streets. Five blocks of water main are not yet complete. Of those five, three are at about 70% complete. Division Street has been paved. Portions of North Central are done. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street towards the courthouse is to be paved as well. The highway crossing needs to be paved with a polymer pavement mix. It is unknown at this time if that mix can be delivered to the site hot enough given the colder weather. Council member Paul Otten asked if the special mix could be delivered out of Lewistown. Options will be discussed at the construction meeting to be held Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 1:30 at the city hall.

Topsoil has been spread at the Chief Joseph Park. There will not be enough funds to purchase the 6,000 feet of sod this fall.

Jon Hess reported on the Decay/Nuisance ordinance. The previous decay municipal codes were passed by the council prior to Jon Hess' approval. Since that time there had not been any issues brought to his attention that needed intervention by him. Once a situation was brought to his attention he reviewed our code and deemed that the enforcement section was not enforceable. Discussion ensued. Resident Joe Brouillette asked about peddlers being listed under nuisance like in Columbus, MT. Jon Hesse commented that peddlers could be listed under the nuisance code; but if the city does not charge business licenses they cannot charge peddler licenses. Council will review the proposed new ordinance compared to our old code. Item will remain on agenda.

There were no committee reports.

Resolution 2016-20 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WAGES AND SALARIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 was read. Council member John Anderson asked if this type of resolution had ever been presented before. Jeff replied that per MCA 7-4-4201 the city should be doing this. Bryan Tomlinson made the motion to accept resolution 2016-20 as read. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell reported on the public meeting held on October 20, 2016 at the Wheatland County Courthouse regarding the National Guard Armory building. The county will be asking the Department of Military affairs for more time so the county and city can explore additional options.

The council gave approval for the City to obtain loan funds to purchase a 1975 bucket truck that is currently for sale at Harlowton Auto. The current bucket truck no longer can be repaired and the bucket is not working properly at this time. Jeff will look into getting a loan through the credit union.

Ian reported that Pioneer Technical will be starting on the roundhouse clean-up project. Sullivan Brothers will haul the contaminated soil to Brad Miller's property south of the river to land farm it. The three phase power lines will need to be moved which will use up a large portion of the grant funding. The sand tank and fuel tank located by the roundhouse will need to be removed. In the past the Depot Museum was trying to save the structures. This clean-up grant will pay to take down and remove the structures. The structures are in disrepair and could be a liability to the city in their current condition. Bryan Tomlinson will inform the current leaseholders of the property of the work that will be taking place.

The west end well is still getting worked on. Mahurin hasn't set a date to come to pull the pump.

The next city council meeting will be held on November 8 at 7:00pm in the city hall. Reminder calls to council members will go out on November 7 as November 8 the city hall is closed for election day.

Bryan Tomlinson made a motion to pay the bills, checks #20597-20612 from the October 8, 2016 through October 21, 2016 claims. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson (arrived at 7:20)

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk