

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
November 8, 2016  
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held November 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the October 25, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Resident Tina Peterson presented information asking the city council to consider an urban archery deer hunt. FWP Wildlife Biologist Ashley Taylor would be the contact person to get the process going. Council members were in agreement to have Ashley come to present more information and direct the council on the process.

Jeff Sell gave an update on the progress of the phase III water project and paving of streets as Ian was not present. Jeff believed there were three blocks of water line left to lay. There is still paving to be done if the weather continues to cooperate. Asphalt with polymer was used on the highway portion as required.

The Chief Joseph Park playground equipment is now available for use. The temporary fence to keep children off the equipment has been removed. The roof on the pavilion has been replaced.

Jeff had been contacted by two people formerly involved with the decay ordinance. Dane Elwood provided Jeff with the decay ordinance that he had proposed back in 2006 which is not the same as the decay ordinance that was passed. Former city clerk Geraldine Hensel had told Jeff that she believed a separate enforcement ordinance had been passed around the same time as the decay ordinance that was intended to take care of the enforcement issues in the decay ordinance. Jeff will continue to do some research on the issue. Resident Phil Wilsman asked if there was something wrong with the current ordinance. Council members commented that the only change needed was to make it enforceable. It was recommended to get a second attorney opinion on the enforceability of the current ordinance.

There were no committee reports.

The west end well pump has not been pulled yet, so that well is still off line.

Paul Otten commented that he has been checking on the street lights and had been reporting to NWEnergy the ones not working. He was told if the lights do not work for 10 consecutive days we should not be getting charged for them.

Contractors will be starting to remove the contaminated soil from around the skimmer / roundhouse area on Wednesday November 9. The contaminated soil is getting land-farmed on Brad Miller's property south of the river. As a separate project, the Chevron property is also currently having the contaminated soil removed. The soil from the Chevron property is getting land-farmed onto city property. The city will maintain the land-farm by turning the soil four times per year. The City will get paid for this work.

Jeff reported that Steve Olson, owner of Biegel's Bar, has submitted a letter conditionally donating the building to the city pending Brownsfield funds to clean up the property. Snowy Mountain Development is working on the process. At this time SMDC is very busy so this could be a lengthy process.

The next city council meeting will be held on November 22 at 7:00pm in the city hall.

Jeff will be out of the state November 13-17, 2016

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills, Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion failed to pass due to no vote. John Anderson made a motion to pay the bills excluding \$320.00 to Jon Hesse pending review of the attorney contract, checks # 20617-20634 from October 22 through November 4, 2016. 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

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Jeff Sell, Mayor

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Kathie Newland, Clerk