

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held December 8, 2015 at 7:00pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Mayor Jeff Sell presented information on changing the city's water and sewer base rates. John Anderson made the motion to proceed with the process to change the city's water base rate to \$31.00 and the city's sewer base rate to \$30.09. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The city will still have to go through the normal process of public hearings and resolutions before the rate change can take place.

Jeff asked the council if the city is going to continue pursuing grants and loans to continue the upgrades to the city's water and sewer infrastructures. Preliminary engineering reports will need to be completed for the next phase which city superintendent, Ian Reed, sees as the water main that runs along the center line of the highway from the courthouse to Central Lumber. A re-hiring process of the engineers will have to take place in order to comply with certain potential funding agencies. The council directed Jeff to get a cost estimate from the current engineers for a preliminary engineering report for the above stated project. The council would like to continue to pursue funding for these projects.

City code 9.28.010 – fireworks sales within the city limits - was discussed. Due to annexation of certain properties and change of ownership of properties, the historical location of the current two fireworks vendors would be against city code. Council members asked that our insurance carrier and attorney look at any potential issues with changing the code to allow for fireworks sales within the city limits.

Resolution 2015-09 RESOLUTION RELATING TO AT LEAST \$150,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, AND A \$150,000 WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE TO BE ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION THEREOF: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF AND THE SECURITY THEREFOR was read. Discussion was held. Bob Jones made the motion to approve resolution 2015-09. Ron Teig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff read an email from the Snowy Mountain Development Corporation asking the city to provide a letter of support for SMDC writing an EPA Brownfields Grant Application. Discussion followed. Jim Kalitowski made the motion to provide a letter of support to SMDC. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian Reed reported that the liner in the lagoon had been patched (welded). Christmas decorations and lights have been put up for the season. When the weather allows the crew have been patching streets. There have been a few water breaks that were fixed as well.

The next city council meeting will be held on January 12, 2016 at 7:00pm in the city hall.

Ron Tieg made a motion to pay the bills, checks #20044-20085 and #20089-20107 from the November 7 through November 20 claims and the November 21 through December 4, 2015 claims with the exception of checking into a possible double billing from NorMont Equipment for \$92.15. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeff Sell thanked council member Joe Brouillette for his years of service as council member for the City of Harlowton.

Meeting Adjourned.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Joe Brouillette, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig

Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk