

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL

February 4, 2014

Harlowton Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held February 4, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Bob Church and Kate Miller from Great West Engineering presented Phase III of the water project and funding strategies to the Harlowton City Council.

Bob Jones made a motion to move forward with Phase III of the water project and present Phase III to the public on February 25, 2014. Bryan Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public meeting was set for 6:30 P.M. February 25, 2014.

Collection is down to almost nothing with the petroleum removal, they haven't gotten a full tank in almost two weeks. Tomlinson stated that is could be due to the cold weather and the ground water being frozen. It could also be a lack of understanding of how the hydraulics work. It could also be due to the sensors being dirty. The system is designed that if the sensors don't recognize fuel, it goes through rest cycles, right now they system is going through several rest cycles. The pump is still running, but it could be due to a number of reasons that they aren't drawing anything. Next week, someone should be up to clean probes and check the levels.

A budgeted amendment is needed for the loan from Tri-County Federal Credit Union for the cost of the new backhoe, since the City did not budget specifically for the new backhoe.

Ron Teig made a motion to amend the budget for \$30,000 for the new backhoe. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell appointed Rebecca Jacobson to the library board to replace Kathy Elliot, who completed two terms on the library board.

The crew has been plowing snow, fixing water breaks, re-doing the floors in the park rest area, re-painting the rest area; they fixed the heater in the Thompson well house and fixed electrical issues in the South well house Reed stated that he is concerned about 7 blocks on main line, which runs directly under the highway that is in bad shape that will need replaced. Reed is concerned that the lines may not stay in good enough shape to make it to the next project phase and wanted to make the council aware of it. Ian and Bob will be gone February 11, 2014 to Asphalt Institute and will be gone February 19-21 to Rural Water Conference

Bryan Tomlinson stated that Ian and his crew have been doing a fantastic job and thanked them for a job well done.

Headwaters Recycling sent the City a letter with potential monies the City is estimated to receive, if they sell their equipment for what they are asking; the totals come to \$4,478.78.

Montana Department of Transportation sent a letter to concur with Great West Engineering's cost of \$22,000 for engineering fees for the sidewalk project, which will go forward in the spring of 2014.

Bob Church from Great West Engineering sent an email to the City stating the contractor for the Pritchard Well will be here, and they were here on Monday, January 27, 2014, working on some internal components of the well. He is testing the BFD and will be installing it as well as the flushing valve.

Items for next meeting: Public hearing

John Anderson made a motion to pay the bills. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is February 25, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Council members present:

Ron Teig

Bryan Tomlinson

Bob Jones

John Anderson

Jim Kalitowski

Joe Brouillette

City employees present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk