

Harlowton City Council Minutes
March 28, 2017
Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Bob Jones commented that he will not be re-running for the ward 1 council position.

Sanford Moore, Chairman of the Library board, presented a request to continue allowing the library to be closed on Thursday mornings. John Anderson approved the reasons behind the recommendation. Bryan Tomlinson made the motion to allow the library to remain closed on Thursday mornings on a trial basis. John Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sell presented the Utility Share letter that will be going out with the March city utility bills. There were no objections from the council.

Kathie Newland provided a list of ordinances that Jon Hesse has suggested the city repeal. Council will review the list and make a recommendation to proceed or not at the next council meeting.

Ian Reed presented information on the Harlowton City transfer station (dump/landfill). City wide clean-up days will be scheduled for May 12 and 13, 2017 which is the weekend after the city wide garage sale. Hours will be 8:00am-4:00pm those two days only. The transfer station will be scheduled to be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm starting April 8, 2017 and ending September 23, 2017. Bryan Tomlinson made the motion to increase the price per yard for the transfer station by \$1.00 (putting it at \$15.00 per yard). Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian reported that Jeff Perry is now fully licensed for the water requirements. He has taken his sewer test but results are not back yet. The west-end well is up and running. The flushing hydrant is still broken. The sanitary survey on the water system will be performed on Thursday. There was discussion regarding the old fire hydrants past the railroad depot which are all disconnected or turned off. Our phase 3 water project still needs to be finished. There is concrete work, paving and a few other items for Battle Ridge Builders to finish. Bob Jones asked about the water that has been leaking into the basements of buildings along Central Avenue. A leak-detector will be coming again to check for leaks. He has been here two times already regarding these particular leaks. Water pumping has been being monitored and no additional pumping has been noted; therefore, it is unlikely the water in the basements is from leaking or broken water mains.

The next city council meeting is scheduled on April 11, 2017 at 7:00pm in the city hall. City clerk Kathie Newland will be absent for the next meeting. Council will determine later if an April 11 meeting will be held.

Jeff reported that the on-site portion of the fiscal year 2016 audit has been performed. Ron Teig, Jim Kalitowski and Jeff had attended the exit interview. There were no new findings and two repeated findings from 2015. The two repeat findings are related to negative cash in the water and solid waste funds.

Sanford Moore reported that the library had held a fund raiser on March 24 and had earned \$539.00 towards handicapped door openers on the front of the library.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #20837-20855 from March 11, 2017 through March 24, 2017. Bob Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Council Members Present:

John Anderson, Bob Jones, Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Employee Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk