

Harlowton City Council Minutes
June 13, 2017
Harlowton Public Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held June 13, 2017 presided by council president Bryan Tomlinson, began at 7:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Delay in start of meeting was due to extended time to finish the public hearing held prior to the council meeting. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Old business items on the agenda were postponed until the next council meeting when Mayor Jeff Sell would be in attendance.

There were no committee reports.

Council president Bryan Tomlinson informed the council that the second public hearing for the Phase IV water project was scheduled for June 27, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Harlowton Public Library.

RESOLUTION 2017-01 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF TSEP PLANNING GRANT was read. Ron Teig made the motion to accept resolution 2017-01. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian gave an update on the city pool. The repainting of the pool bottom and pool house floor is done. The pool has been filled and if the chemistry is OK the boiler will get started Wednesday. Pool opening was expected to be June 15, 2017 but will now be June 19, 2017. The floor paint keeps peeling in the pool house as run-off water seeps into the block building and new paint will not adhere to the old floor covering (which has proved to be difficult to remove). Kathie reported that the city had received \$5,000 from the Callant Family Foundation and \$10,000 from the Charles M Bair Family Foundation to fund the repainting project.

Future city clean-up days were discussed. Paul suggested a nominal fee per yard. Bryan agreed. Ian commented that the majority of customers from this year's clean-up days were not city residents. Ian suggested limiting the free garbage to just the first load and then charge. Bryan asked that the council members think about options and bring them to the next council meeting. No decision was made.

Free limited dump passes to resident with paid utility bills was discussed. Kathie commented that two years ago there were approximately 50 passes handed out and last year only about 20; however, no advertising was done for it last year. Ron Teig made the motion to continue providing one free yard waste (branches and grass clippings) dump pass that is valid for the yearly regular landfill season (open Saturday's only) per paid utility account per year until further notice. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Ian commented that the passes are only good for the Saturdays the landfill is open. Motion passed unanimously.

Ian reported that the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report for the city's water system has been issued. There is a full copy available at city hall. The notice of availability of the report was on the last month's utility billing invoices and a link to the report was posted on the City's Facebook page. Battle Ridge Builders still has 3-4 days of work to finish up. The paving and re-paving are completed. Jim Kalitowski was wondering if D Avenue by his home was going to get re-paved. Ian indicated that there is no money in street budget to do so. A few streets over the past few phases of the water project have not been repaved once the project was completed. These streets need to at least have gravel placed on them. The lift pump for the lagoon is still in Billings waiting to get repaired. Ian requested the company to expedite getting it fixed. There was a leaking water valve fixed on Central Avenue in front of Citizen's Bank. This leaking valve was fixed immediately and was not the cause of water issues in the buildings along the street. The electrical upgrade project has started in Chief Joseph Park.

Bryan Tomlinson presented a check for \$1,000 from Express Pipeline (Spectra Energy) for the Chief Joseph Park electrical upgrade.

Bryan indicated he is not running for a council position again and has been talking with residents of ward 3 to recruit a candidate. Jim Kalitowski indicated he is running for a council position again in ward 2.

The next city council meeting is scheduled on June 27, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton Public Library. The second public hearing on the phase IV water project will start at 6:00pm prior to the council meeting. City attorney contract will be discussed. Future city clean-up days will be discussed.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #20943-20972 from May 20, 2017 through June 9, 2017. Paul Otten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Council Members Present:

Jim Kalitowski, Paul Otten, Ron Teig, Bryan Tomlinson

Council Members Absent:

John Anderson, Bob Jones

Employee Present:

Ian Reed

Bryan Tomlinson, Council President

Kathie Newland, Clerk