

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held November 27, 2018 opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 council meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

Paul Otten informed the council that Zach Kirkemo from MT DoT has started the traffic study regarding changing speed limits in Harlowton on Highway 12. Frank indicated he had stopped and talked with Zach when he was in town. Ian said Zach has already performed two different studies. Both number of vehicles and speed of vehicles is being checked.

Karen Hammel reported that she has a resolution prepared for annexation of the “industrial park lots” but needs the legal description and survey information to proceed. She had not had the chance to stop by city hall to gather the information. Kathie asked about additional properties being annexed during this process-specifically the piece of property on Highway 191. Karen suggested that a separate resolution be done to address that property.

Karen Hammel presented a LEASE AGREEMENT FOR WINTER STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF HARLOWTON. Council requested vehicle description and license number be added to the agreement. Charley Bennett made the motion to accept the lease agreement with the changes notes. Rob Elwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Anderson had no report for the library.

There was nothing to report for the street and alley committee.

Rob Elwood reported for the Ordinance Committee. The committee met immediately prior to the council meeting. The committee recommended that the first readings of ordinances 1-2018, 2-2018, 3-2018, 4-2018, 5-2018, 6-2018 and 7-2018 be held. There were two typos noted within the ordinances. The committee also started discussing Title 8 regarding dog control.

Charley Bennett requested to be absent from the city of Harlowton from December 2018 through March 2019. Rob Elwood made the motion to accept Charley’s request for absence. Ron Teig seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The first readings of ordinances 1-2018, 2-2018, 3-2018, 4-2018, 5-2018, 6-2018 and 7-2018 were done by Mayor Paul Otten. Rob Elwood made the motion to approve the first readings of the above mentioned ordinances with two corrections. Charley Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Kathie Newland informed the council of the timeline and required postings of the ordinance process.

Ian informed the council that the city crew has been putting up Christmas Ornaments.

The water meters have been installed and the crew has been fixing a few issues. Ian hopes that this month the meter readings will have very few errors.

Ian asked Frank Brouillette if he had talked to Richard Chamberlain yet regarding the bill the city sent him for damages to the street. Frank indicated that he had not.

Rob Elwood commented that a yield sign was missing on the west end of town (NW Pritchard area). Ian indicated that there never was one there but he had already ordered one to install.

Charley Bennett asked why the bottom of the handicap sign in front of the post office was cut off. Ian informed the council that the post office has never gotten official approval from the city council to have a handicapped parking spot on the street. The post office has a couple van accessible handicapped spots in their parking lot. Incidentally Ian was not aware of why the sign was cut or who exactly did it.

The new pickup has been ordered and is expected to be in sometime in March 2019.

Ian discussed that there are some lots within city limits on 6th Street NE that do not have access to city water and sewer. There are lots that will be potentially sold to build homes on and the owners were wondering about getting access to city services. Ian indicated that the cost to install one block of water main (fully engineered) is approximately \$30,000 and it is about the same for the sewer line. There would be about 1.5 blocks to connect to water and 3-4 blocks to connect to sewer.

Paul reported that a representative from Family Dollar Stores has contacted him regarding opening a store in Harlowton. They are looking for approximately one acre of land to build a 9,000 square foot building on. The representative will be in town soon to look at possibilities with real estate agent Julie Woodard.

The Main Street Montana – Rural Partners meeting on November 16, 2018 had been cancelled due to poor weather. They are wanting to reschedule the meeting before the end of the year. Rob Elwood indicated that he would not be available December 6-9, 2018. No other council members had preferences for dates for the meeting.

Next council meeting will be December 11, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harlowton City Hall. The resolution for annexation of city property will be presented.

Jim Kalitowski asked about Republic Services charges for portable restroom. Ian informed him that they had been used at the park when the water main broke and camping for hunting was still in full swing. Ron Teig made a motion to pay the claims, checks #21706- 21714 from November 10, 2018 through November 20, 2018. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. Motion to pay claims passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Council Members Present: John Anderson, Charley Bennett, Frank Brouillette, Rob Elwood, Jim Kalitowski, Ron Teig

Employees Present: Ian Reed

Paul Otten, Mayor

Kathie Newland, Clerk