

HARLOWTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 10 2014

Harlowton City Hall

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council held June 10, 2014 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were approved as written with the change taking John Anderson's name out where it was mentioned twice and adding Bryan Tomlinson.

Resident Phil Wilsman spoke to the City Council about his concerns about a company getting bulk water and not paying for it. He stated that there were three loads of water taken and wanted to know if they were paid for. Clerk, Jayme Colby said there was one load that had been paid for and would check on the other payments. Wilsman was also concerned that they were using a pipe wrench on the fire hydrant and feared it would ruin the hydrant and cause issues for the fire department to use it for its intended purpose. Ian Reed said the city has a meter for selling bulk water and a proper wrench.

Eddie Doaley from Montana DNRC Forestry Assistance Bureau for Urban Forestry came to the meeting to speak to the City Council. They are planning on inventorying the publicly owned trees and GPS-ing those trees to record the information and give it back to the city as well as create a report for state-wide publicly owned trees. This can help the city with future planning on where to plant trees, future grants, and insurance purposes. This is done at no cost to the city. She checked the map with City Superintendent Ian Reed and made sure the right of ways were correct and they will begin the inventorying June 11, 2014.

Library board member, Jerry Collins is moving to Miles City and is resigning from the Harlowton Public Library Board. Mayor Sell appointed Nancy Widdicombe to fill his vacant position on the library board.

The City of Harlowton is not awarding a bid to anyone at this time for the sewer upgrade project. There was only one bid put in by a contractor that came to the walk-through and one bid from a contractor that was not here for the walk-through. The contractors that did put in bids, were over budget. At this time, the city is not prepared to award a bid for the project. The engineers took the information and are going to make phone calls to the contractors to find out why some didn't bid the project that came to the walk-through. The engineers are going to look into seeing if it is the best interest of the city to rebid the project.

City Superintendent, Ian Reed reported the he and the crew have been busy working on the West End Well, it is built and they are waiting on the electrical work. They have also been working on water breaks in the city, patching the highway where the large water break took place, and finishing the backstop at the park in the baseball field. The baseball program has had many volunteers help out and many materials donated. Spectra Energy donated the chain link fence that went around the field and the materials for the backstopm and ProPipe donated the welding and welding materials to the backstop, the light pole was donated by Northwestern Energy and

Jeff Bornog did the electrical work at no cost. The city crew did labor and supplied a few supplies like paint.

Councilman, Bryan Tomlinson presented the City of Harlowton a donation from Spectra Energy for \$500 to the recycling program towards purchasing a roll off bin.

Pioneer Technical was here to check the tanks, there is no pumping going on and the fuel is down to 1” and the tank is half full.

Mayor Sell met with two representatives from Montana DNRC and looked at the property by the round house. They will now look into grants and assessments to see if the clean-up project will take place.

The Callant Foundation awarded the City of Harlowton with grants this year. The City received: \$12,000 for equipment assistance, \$5,000 for the recycling program, \$20,000 for the library upgrades including the new ceiling, \$5,000 for City hall upgrades, the new desk unit to be built, \$10,000 for the spay and neuter program, and \$4,500 for the fire department. The Ambulance received \$4,500, the Railroad museum received \$27,000 and the golf course received \$10,000.

The City of Harlowton will be undergoing the Local Government Review that was voted for in the primary election.

Mayor Sell asked to have the council and mayor salaries added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Ron Teig made a motion to pay the bills including check number 19147-19174. Jim Kalitowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members Present:

Ron Teig

Bryan Tomlinson

Bob Jones

Joe Brouillette

Jim Kalitowski

City Employees Present:

Ian Reed

Jeff Sell, Mayor

Jayme Colby, Clerk