

April 14, 2026
Harlowton City Hall

Council President Frank Brouillette presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Jack Runner, who was attending the Montana Rural Water Conference.

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on March 24, 2026. The meeting opened at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Brouillette asked for any public comment on any item not on the agenda.

Councilmember Susan Beley moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Council meeting. Councilmember Kyle Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library: Councilmember Beley reported on the Fundraiser held at the library. She said there were no Councilmembers present other than herself. She feels the Council should attend these programs and functions. They have Cyber Security, Constitution Road Show and the 250th birthday art show for High School and Junior High Students coming up. Tina and Lori will be going to MLA in April. The library had 1593 people in the library in February.

Councilmember Beley also reported they are working on the Strategic Plan and one aspect of that is building maintenance. The gutter/drain on the back of the library still needs to be fixed. She has pictures, it was an icy, wet mess. It needs to be fixed. The other concern is the signs for the library and city hall. They were both installed in 2005 and are showing a lot of wear. They need to be replaced.

Tree Board: The Tree Board met with MUCFA and DNRC on Friday, March 20th for large and small tree trimming instructions and they went over the tree inventory.

Ordinance: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Applying for Town Pump Grant: Council President Brouillette reported the library would like to apply for the Town Pump grant to help fund Summer Reading. Council approved.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: No report. Public Works Director, Bob Schuchard was attending the Montana Rural Water Conference.

REPORT OF THE CLERK-TREASURER: Clerk-Treasurer Anita Leach reported that she and Mayor Runner had met with Bobbie Schular from MT Rural Water to do a rate analysis for water and sewer. Mayor Runner is going to talk to Bobbie and find a time when she can come up and do the rate analysis with the Council, so they understand the numbers.

MAYORS REPORT: None

REPORT OF ATTORNEY: City Attorney Brent Brooks reported he has 9 criminal misdemeanor cases; one may go to trial. He is meeting with the sheriff more often. He will have a copy of the park use agreement to the Mayor in the next couple of days.

REPORT OF WCSO: None

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

CLAIMS:

Councilmember Susan Beley made a motion to approve claims, 22663-22691. Councilmember John Billadeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Council Members Present: Susan Beley, Kyle Lawson, Charley Bennett (via Zoom), Vicki Paddock, Frank Brouillette, John Billadeau

Council Members Absent: None

City Office: City Clerk-Treasurer Anita Leach, City Attorney Brent Brooks

Public Present: Julie Berg, Dane Elwood, Tyrel Miller, TJ Tupker

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer