

RESOLUTION 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CHANGING THE NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE EXISTING RECREATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Harlowton recognizes the importance of providing and maintaining quality parks, recreational facilities, programs, open spaces, and community activities for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harlowton and Wheatland County have a shared interest in the development, maintenance, improvement, and responsible use of parks and recreational resources within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City and Wheatland County have determined that coordination between the two governmental entities can improve communication, planning, utilization of resources, and delivery of parks and recreation services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harlowton currently maintains a Recreation Committee to provide recommendations and assistance regarding recreational activities and programs including the Chief Joseph Park, Boomer Trail, City swimming pool, pickleball court, basketball courts, skatepark and tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Parks and Recreation Committee will provide a more comprehensive forum for consideration of parks and recreation matters and will support cooperation between the City of Harlowton and Wheatland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Harlowton, Montana, as follows:

1. The existing Recreation Committee is hereby renamed the Parks and Recreation Committee (the "Committee"), subject to any necessary approval or action by Wheatland County.
2. **Purpose:**
That the purpose of the Recreation Committee shall be to assist and advise the Mayor and City Council as they request concerning management, operation and funding of existing, proposed or future city-owned swimming pool, pickleball court, baseball fields, basketball courts, skatepark, tennis courts and other recreational facilities of the City.

3. Membership/Composition:

That the membership of the Recreation Committee shall consist of up to 6-8 members composed of City Council members, City Staff, City residents and/or Wheatland County residents;

4. Appointed Persons and Duration of Membership:

That members of the Recreation Committee will be appointed with the duration of such membership to be a four-year term, with option to renew for multiple terms. Names of committee members will be posted with staggered terms so that not all committee members are up for renewal at the same time

5. That the Recreation Committee shall elect a chairperson to facilitate meetings, shall meet at such times and locations as determined by the Mayor, shall report to the Mayor and City Council as requested and shall comply with State of Montana open meetings and public participation laws as assisted by the Mayor, City Clerk/Treasurer and City Attorney;

6. Existing Committee

Upon adoption of this Resolution, the existing Recreation Committee shall transition to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Existing members may continue to serve until their terms expire or until otherwise changed by the appointing authority.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Harlowton, Montana, this 13th day of October, 2026.

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer