

RESOLUTION 2026-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, ESTABLISHING THE RAILYARD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Harlowton recognizes the historic, cultural, economic, and community significance of the Harlowton railyard and its associated historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the revitalization, preservation, and appropriate reuse of the railyard area may contribute to economic development, tourism, historic preservation, community identity, and quality of life within the City of Harlowton; and

WHEREAS, coordinated community planning and collaboration among the City, property owners, businesses, nonprofit organizations, residents, historic preservation interests, and other interested parties can assist in identifying opportunities and challenges associated with the revitalization of the railyard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations, facilitate community participation, identify potential projects and funding opportunities, and assist the City Council in developing a coordinated vision for the future of the railyard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARLOWTON, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Establishment

The City of Harlowton hereby establishes the Railyard Revitalization Committee ("Committee") as an advisory committee to the City Council.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the City Council in exploring, planning, coordinating, and supporting the revitalization, preservation, enhancement, and appropriate reuse of the Harlowton railyard and related historic and community resources.

The Committee may consider matters including, but not limited to:

- A. Historic preservation and interpretation;
- B. Economic development and tourism opportunities;
- C. Compatible redevelopment and adaptive reuse;
- D. Public access, pedestrian connectivity, parking, landscaping, and public spaces;
- E. Infrastructure and site improvements;
- F. Potential public and private partnerships;
- G. Grants, donations, sponsorships, and other potential funding sources;
- H. Community events, programming, and promotional opportunities;
- I. Development of a long-term vision, priorities, and implementation strategies for the railyard.

3. Membership

The Committee shall consist of 6 members, residing in the City of Harlowton, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

4. Terms and Vacancies

Members shall serve without compensation for terms of 4 years, except that initial appointments may be staggered as determined by the City Council to promote continuity. Members may be reappointed. A vacancy occurring before the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. Officers

At its first meeting, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair and Vice-Chair and may select such other officers as the Committee considers appropriate.

The Chair shall preside over Committee meetings and perform such other duties as are customary for the office. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.

6. Staff and Administrative Support

The City may designate a City employee or other appropriate person to provide administrative support to the Committee, including assistance with meeting notices, agendas, minutes, records, and coordination with City departments.

7. Recommendations to the City Council

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity. Recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the City Council for consideration and shall have no effect unless and until approved or otherwise acted upon by the City Council.

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

Jack Runner, Mayor

Anita Leach, Clerk-Treasurer