

Harlowton City Council Minutes
May 11, 2021
Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on May 11, 2021. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Council meeting were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) No news from SMDC regarding the City property formally known as Biegel's Bar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Jack Runner stated that the Library had no new news since the last Council Meeting.

Ordinance Committee chair Frank Brouillette stated that the committee went over the Fire Pit Ordinance one last time before presenting to Council. They also went over a section of the Ordinance book.

Council member Charley Bennett gave an update on the pool. The pool had been drained, 1900 lbs of sand had been filtered. Dave Lode finished the siding on the pool house. He had also poured a ramp for accessibility for \$350 extra. Thompson Pools had not responded regarding an update on the shipped items. Amber and two other employees had passed their lifeguard training courses.

Public Works Director Bob Schuchard gave a report on the Tree Board. No changes, the Townsend tree order was not in yet. The Wind Farm would like to help plant when the tree order comes in.

Ron Teig gave a report on the Wetlands Rail Trail. The asbestos part had been done. They would return to do the diesel.

NEW BUSINESS

1) The first revised reading of the Fire Pit Ordinance took place. Mayor Paul Otten stated that Under Sheriff Randy Cameron and City Fire Chief Kevin Knudson had liked the ordinance. Council member Jim Kalitowski mentioned that propane was not mentioned in the ordinance. It was suggested that it be added with the "natural gas" portion of the ordinance.

2) Discussion of the transfer station took place. The recent Clean Up Days had taken place on May 7th and 8th. Four loads at \$800 each were taken, equaling \$3200.00 in costs to the City. The event only brought in \$700.00. A discussion took place regarding issues with the Clean Up Days such as people hiding oil in containers, mattresses being put under loads without extra charges and people bringing a year's worth of collected trash to dispose of. Discussion took place regarding how to handle these issues. Bob suggested that a voucher be offered to City residents that are paid up on their utilities to allow incentive. The resident would be able to make an appointment with the city shop to drop off one load at the "Clean Up Days" prices. This would also separate them from

County residents using the service. Bob also suggested approaching the new County Commissioner for more support regarding issues.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Director Bob Schuchard gave a report. The bathroom at Chief Joseph Park had been leaking and was being repaired. The chain link fence by the Graves Hotel/skate park would need to be repaired after being damaged during a high speed police chase. The quote for the fence would be \$3000.00, not including City worker's time. Discussion took place regarding the criminal event as well as how to get the City Judge to make sure the damages were reimbursed.

Discussion took place regarding the costs to maintain the current wood picnic benches at the CJ Park versus the cost to replace them with concrete benches.

MAYOR REPORT

Paul gave a report regarding the Floodplain meetings. He stated that they were informative. There had been much discussion with FEMA at the meeting regarding what the new floodplain zone would be considered. The possibility of raising F Ave 2 ½ ft to force any flooding back to the river was considered. A meeting with residents affected by the new floodplain zone would take place on June 3rd. Letters would be going out in the coming weeks regarding this meeting. Discussion took place regarding flood insurance not including basements. Discussion took place regarding flood history in the City/County.

Paul stated that a meeting had taken place regarding the disaster mitigation.

Paul stated that Sandy Wolstad has asked to use the baseball field in August for a charity event. Discussion took place regarding insurance, gopher holes and City liability. Discussion took place regarding event insurance and whether or not Gally's had it during their events on the City street.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be May 25, 2021
at 7:00pm.

CLAIMS

Frank made a motion to pay claims from April 26th to May 7th. Ron seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Council Members Present: Charley Bennett, Ron Teig, Jack Runner, Allison Jones, Jim Kalitowski (via phone), Frank Brouillette

Council not present: none

City Office: Mayor Paul Otten, City Clerk-Treasurer Lara Brisco, Public Works Director Bob Schuchard

Public Present: Kevin Knudson

Paul Otten, Mayor

Lara Brisco, Clerk-Treasurer