

Harlowton City Council Minutes
August 10, 2021
Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on August 10, 2021. The meeting opened at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Council minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council member Frank Brouillette stated that he would like the 8/24/21 Council meeting agenda to include a discussion and vote on Council training with Dan Clark of Montana Leagues of Cities and Towns. The full day training would be \$900 plus travelling expenses and would cover multiple topics. The timing was discussed. After the first of the new year the Council will have another new member. Frank felt that this training would be beneficial to the new members but also a good review for Council members who have been on the council for a while.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Mayor Paul Otten stated that he had spoke with Cathy Barta of Snowy Mountain Development Company. She had sent an email showing the approval of numerous agencies of moving ahead with the project at the City property previously known as Biegels Bar. The Brownfields part of the project was being delayed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Jack Runner stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the Library.

Committee Chair Frank Brouillette gave an update on the Ordinance Committee. The Committee is currently working on the Floodplain subdivision ordinance documents.

Council member Charley Bennett gave a report on the pool. Bead blasting and apoxying of the pool would take place in September. The school would like to use the pool for PE for the first two weeks of session. Discussion took place regarding the dimensions and placement of the ordered concrete blocks. The blocks will serve as a barrier for the parking lot.

Public Works Director Bob Schuchard stated that there was nothing new to report on the Tree Board.

Council member Ron Teig was not present to give a report on the Wetlands Rail Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

1) The 1st reading of the Chief Joseph Park Campground stay-limit ordinance was presented to the Council. (The previous first and second readings in January had occurred without a posting in the Times-Clarion so they would need to be repeated.) The 2nd reading will occur at the August 24th Council Meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Bob gave a report. Employee James Swanson had been injured on the job and would be off 7 days. James and City employee Jeff Perry were moving the pump from the sewer lagoon to the City Shop and James climbed up to hook the chain on instead of hooking it under. He fell and chipped a tooth, injured his hip and bruised the left side of his body.

The City crew has been picking up broken trees from the wind.

The sewer project has been delayed due to materials delivery delay. Generators had been hooked up at the sewer station.

The electrician might not be able to work with the older skater system.

The dumpsters were delivered to the landfill.

Council member Jim Kalitowski suggested that the dumpster at Chief Joseph Park should be moved closer to the campsites. Bob agreed that this would be a good option but would need a place for the signs and camera to be set up around the area.

Bob stated that the company contracted to clean the inside of the water tanks had delayed their arrival numerous times and had given him a hard time about not coming on a Saturday. There is currently no new date set up for them to come.

MAYORS REPORT

The interview for the new Deputy Clerk would take place next Wednesday.

The sewer project is moving along.

Phase 5 of the water project is looking currently looking into funding.

Do All Construction would be coming in September to do the asphalt repair from last year's water project.

City Clerk-Treasurer Lara Brisco is currently working on the FY 22 Budget. Discussion took place regarding the timeline for the Budget's Public Hearing and when Council would review and approve it.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be August 24, 2021
at 7:00pm.

CLAIMS

Frank made a motion for the claims from July 12-23 be approved for payment. Allison seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Council Members Present: Charley Bennett, Jim Kalitowski, Jack Runner, Allison Jones, Frank Brouillette

Council Members Absent: Ron Teig

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

Public Present: none

Paul Otten, Mayor

Lara Brisco, Clerk-Treasurer