

Harlowton City Council Minutes  
August 24, 2021  
Library Conference Room

A regular meeting of the Harlowton City Council was held on August 24, 2021. The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Council minutes were approved as written.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Mayor Paul Otten stated that there was no new news from Snowy Mountain Development Company regarding the City property formerly known as Biegel's Bar.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Jack Runner gave a report on the Library. The Library Board would like to recommend that Debra Davis be promoted to Head Librarian, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, when Kathleen Schreiber retires. Paul stated that Debra had given the City her notice of resignation as Deputy Clerk, effective September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jack stated that the library had checked out 970 books in the month of July.

Committee Chair Frank Brouillette was not present to give an update on the Ordinance Committee. Jack gave the report. The committee had continued to discuss the existing floodplain ordinance as well as subdivision regulations and a City-County local agreement.

Council member Charley Bennett gave a report on the pool. It had been a cold August. The pool season officially ended last week. The school would like to continue to use the pool for PE but it would be based on Thompson Pool's schedule of when they would come to beadblast. It would take 3 days to drain the pool out beforehand. Public Works Director Bob Schuchard stated that the pool would need to be drained slowly to prevent flooding the football field. Discussion took place regarding whether the pool was being maintained and why the boiler was being shut off. Charley stated that he would ask Heather what was going on.

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. Paul stated that on September 9<sup>th</sup> Jason from DEQ would be coordinating a Roundhouse concept planning meeting from 4-7pm in the Library Conference Room.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1) The 2nd 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.) Jack had found an inconsistency in the

ordinance regarding the tent camping not being specifically addressed. The ordinance would go back to the Ordinance Committee for further review.

2) Paul presented to the Council the option to cancel the General Election in November if no write-in candidates applied to County Clerk and Recorder Mary Miller by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Jack made a motion to pass this and Allison Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Council present at the meeting and the Mayor signed a document stating their intentions. The letter will be presented to Mary on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

3) Paul presented to the Council an email from Dan Clark regarding a local government training in January 2022. Dan had suggested that other local Cities and Towns be asked to participate as a way to split the expenses. Jack made a motion to move forward with the training scheduling. Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4) Discussion took place regarding the issue of loose cows in areas of the City. The issue seems to have been resolved as of now as the own of the cows has taken care of it.

Discussion took place regarding previously leased City land agreements not being upheld by the lessee and what could be done about it at this point.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Bob gave a report. James is still on worker's comp and the Crew is limited in what they can do without a 3-man crew.

The sewer project completion is being delayed due to lack of material availability. The parts needed to complete the project are on back order.

The electrician came to set up the blowers to be on sequence but one is running non-stop. There will be extra costs to resolve this.

Bob stated that the lawn-watering restrictions will carry through the end of the month.

#### MAYORS REPORT

Paul presented the results of the Water and Sewer upgrade project ARPA funds ratings. The water project had placed 74<sup>th</sup> out of 243 applications. The sewer project had placed 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings regarding Phase 5 of the water project had begun. On Thursday, 8/26 there would be more information from the state regarding if the water project would receive ARPA funds for Phase 6 and if so, how much. If it didn't rank high enough, Great West Engineering would submit another application next year.

Discussion took place regarding how the funds would be disbursed. Paul stated that a new Deputy Clerk had been hired. Alanna Berg would start with the City on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be September 14, 2021  
at 7:00pm.

City property on E Ave sale discussion.

#### CLAIMS

Allison made a motion for the claims from August 9<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> be approved for payment. Jack seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Ron Teig, Frank Brouillette

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

Public Present: none

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Paul Otten, Mayor

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Lara Brisco, Clerk-Treasurer