

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 6, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Schindler, Brabeck, Ozark, Heitman, and Austin. Council member Koski was absent. Captain Edwards was in attendance. Candy Lagerquist and Matt Stevenson were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney O'Brien attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Skylar Baker-Jordan from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Karst thanked everyone who helped out with the storm clean up last week. Adam, Scott, and Kyle came in and took care of things. People on the southside were also out helping clean out the drain covers. There was good communication between dispatch and the police department. The only issue was the train on the tracks that was blocking 4th Street South, since the underpass was flooded.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 6, 2026 in the amount of \$262,995.44, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$998.90, and the minutes of the June 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson if they were done with the permit renewal. She said they aren't, but they are working on compiling all the information for it, and then she will enter it into the FACTS system through DEQ. Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the professional services agreement between Morrison-Maierle, Inc and the City of Glasgow for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit renewal not to exceed \$6,200.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst said this contract will cover the larger patches around the city. The city received another bid, but it came in a lot higher than Adam's. The council talked about how reasonable the cost for this contract is. Council member Ozark mentioned there are other areas around town that are going to need to be repaired. He would like to see more patching completed if the city has the money to do so. Council member Austin made a motion to award the annual patching project to Adam's Asphalt in the amount of \$45,610.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Ozark asked what the dollar amount limit is before it has to be put out to bid. Council member Austin said \$80,000.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Karst mentioned that Street Foreman Runningen had talked to Century Construction about getting cold mix for patching and a contract that was signed back in April and was supposed to receive 60 tons in June. We still hadn't received it as of last week, so he called them and they said that they did not have any paperwork. If Century isn't able to assist the city with it; Scott had called United out of Great Falls, their price is higher and they would deliver it. Council member Austin suggested Knife River out of Billings. Council member Ozark asked what the price difference was between the two companies. Mayor Karst said the one was \$143.00 per ton and the other was \$150.00 per ton.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the water committee's recommendation to increase Water/Wastewater Supervisor Morehouse's wage by \$.68. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler made a motion to approve the increase to the local vendor price including shipping from 5% to 10% that was discussed during the council work session held on June 18, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated that he had texted all of the council members and they had agreed to do Yard of the Week, but City Clerk Amundson wanted it in the minutes, so it was public knowledge. Council member Austin made a motion to do Yard of the Week again this year. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – NONE

Mayor Karst received a call today from DNRC and they were checking up on the flooding that happened from last week's storm. Council member Ozark mentioned he had some residents reach out to him about some issues and he told them to take pictures and/or video to document the damage. One area was up by Swanson's. Mayor Karst said that he has that in his notes, but they decided to discuss it at this time. Mayor Karst said when the project was being done on Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive, they had installed a crosswalk from Sukut's to Swanson's and included a handicapped accessible area, which caused a low area. Mayor Karst had talked to Rod Lambert since he is replacing concrete in areas where fire hydrants had been replaced and asked him if he could fix this area. Rod said yes, he can do that. Council member Austin asked if the Northside Fire Hall was on the concrete list yet as he's been asking for it for six (6) years now. Mayor Karst said it was on the previous Public Work Director's list. Council member

Austin would like to see that project be completed this summer, so it will divert the water from the station doors. He would also like to see a lay down curb instead of the actual curb that is there.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Personnel or Water. Council member Schindler thought that Devin would have a cemetery policy ready for them to review at this meeting. Council member Ozark thought it would be after a computer is moved up to the cemetery. Mayor Karst did say that there is internet service up there now. Captain Edwards told the council that the VR system has been purchased. They did upgrade from a two (2) person system to a three (3) and extended the warranty period from one (1) year to three (3) years and the police department budget will cover the additional two (2) years because the grant would not. City Attorney said there is nothing new with ordinances, but Code Compliance Officer Dees has been keeping her updated on nuisance and weedy lots. Mayor Karst explained that the weedy lot letters were mailed out on June 20th and people didn't receive them until the 30th, which would only give them 2 days to come into compliance, so the mayor told him that they can't be enforced at this time. He also said that he had some time yesterday, so he wrote a letter to the Postmaster in Billings and Senator Sheehy's office to inquire on the mail issue.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards told the council that the police department cell phones have all been switched back to Nemont. The officers are working on parking issues and a public service announcement was sent to the courier and KLTZ. He said that both Norman and Cory are doing well in their interim supervisor positions.

The council then talked about diagonal parking and repainting the lines downtown. Mayor Karst said the council decided awhile ago to not repaint the lines downtown, since it would save the city money. They then discussed the handicapped spots being painted and the signs having the correct information on them.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she has been reviewing cases, there will be a full day of court on the 23rd, a half of day on the 30th, and will be out of the office starting Wednesday for her annual training.

City Clerk said the Chief interview have been set up for next week. She also stated that the city does have one bid for the NS Firehall project and Fire Chief Brunelle said he was going to have another contractor look at it to get another quote.

Mayor Karst told the council that two (2) applicants were interviewed for the mechanic's position and the committee wasn't comfortable recommending either one, so the recommendation is to reopen it. One wasn't qualified enough and the other just wasn't going to work out. There are three (3) applicants for the water department position, so interviews will need to be completed to fill the last spot. He said that Jon Bengochea suggested using a recruiting company that United Insurance uses to help the city fill the Director of Public Works position. City Clerk Amundson and himself met with them earlier today. The cost for the company will be 25% of the annual salary of the Public Works Director. Mayor Karst said that this company does all the recruiting and background checks for their clients. The council's consensus was to go with the company, since nothing else seems to be working. Mayor Karst asked if this should be on the next agenda for formal approval. City Clerk Amundson said as soon as she receives information back from the company, she will bring it to the council for their final approval. July 14th will be the grand opening for the Parke Place Pool at noon.

Public Comment: Matt Stevenson was in attendance to update the council about an incident that had happened at the pool during swim lessons. He thanked Jory and Mayor Karst for taking care of it. He wanted to know if there were background checks completed on Recreation Department employees. Mayor Karst said usually the summer hires are all minors so the city doesn't. This employee in particular was not a minor, but was recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. Matt suggested to the council that any employee who is 18 and over that will be working with minors to have a background check completed. They talked about the current background check policy and how the police officers and water plant employees need to be more in depth, then some of the city's other departments.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor