

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 17, 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, and Austin. Council member Koski attended via Mayor Karst cell phone. Council member Ozark was absent. Captain Edwards and City Attorney Pekovitch were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist and Lenore Durell were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and Council member Heitman attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Skylar Baker-Jordan from the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Schindler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 17, 2026 in the amount of \$119,988.50, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,196.69, and the minutes of the August 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler made a motion appointing Skylar Baker-Jordan to the City County Library Board to fill the remaining term of Matt Stevenson until June 30, 2029. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the amended plat for the Fossum boundary adjustment E1/2SW1/4, S. T28N, R.47E, PPM. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the recommendation from the street committee to have Interstate Engineering put together bid documents for paving 7th Avenue North between 9th and 10th Street and 8th Avenue North from the Highway to 10th Street. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler asked if the area by Nemont Manor where the fire hydrant was replaced was going to be fixed. Mayor Karst said that Street Foreman Runningen is waiting to have it fixed until the curb area can be completed by Rod Lambert.

Mayor Karst stated the council meetings in September will be on Tuesday the 8th and Monday the 21st due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – The levee inspection was completed this morning and went well. There were a couple minor things that need to be addressed. The area where the Pitman house was torn down, the Corps suggested going in and taking out the trees on the property. Mayor Karst mentioned Great West has submitted the SWIF plan to the Corps and that needs to be done by September of every year along with any work that has been completed.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel or water. Mayor Karst said Devin is continuing to work on some things to bring to the cemetery committee. He said Devin is also working on getting a map of the cemetery posted at the front entrance. Captain Edwards mentioned the VR training will happen the end of this month and he will be working with Stella to see if there is grant money available to update their radios before they are outdated. Mayor Karst said the city was awarded \$20,000.00 from Town Pump for a fire department training facility. City Attorney Pekovitch said that she will wait until after budgets are completed, then the ordinance committee can review a couple of them that need updating.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards told the council there will be a department meeting on Wednesday to review things and will do a meet and greet with Jerry within the department. Next week they will be hosting a training for State Probation for their fire arms certifications, since they no longer do them at the academy.

City Attorney Pekovitch said final notices will be sent out to two (2) properties that are in violation of the nuisance ordinance. After the time lapses on the notice, is when they can file it in court. She’s also been working on a dog issue.

City Clerk Amundson said she had compiled all the budget information for the meeting following this one and tomorrow night, and until the budget is approved, she is working on year end entries for the auditors.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the southside lift station pump and the issues it was having. The company representative came and looked at it and ended up taking it back with him to have it fixed properly. He said he did hear back from Sheehy’s office in regards to the complaint letter he had sent and they wanted to know if the postmaster in Billings had responded. As of today, they have not. The mayor will be sending another letter.

Public Comment: Lenore wanted to know if there will be money to address additional streets in town since the Governor declared a disaster declaration for the city. Mayor Karst explained Ed Malone and Street Foreman Runningen drove around town today looking at streets to add to the current list the city has submitted. Lenore also commented on the foot tall weeds growing in some of the streets. Mayor Karst said that was addressed at the last city council meeting and it was decided to wait until next year to deal with them. She also talked about the weeds in the sidewalks down on 9th Street South. Mayor Karst mentioned Code Compliance Officer Dees is working on sending weedy lot letters out. Mayor Karst talked about the retaining wall that was built behind Taxmasters and why it wasn’t extended further than it was. During the July 3rd storm water and dirt went into the back door of the building. He said after a new Director of Public Works is hired, we will take a look at the wall and see what can be done.

Council member Brabeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor