REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING -------- SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Koski, and Austin. Captain Edwards, Street Foreman Runningen, and Cemetery Caretaker Rasmusan were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Cindy Bishop, Ed Malone, and Doug Welsh from Century Companies were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Skylar Baker-Jordan from the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Koski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for September 8, 2026 in the amount of $229,129.89, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of $1,063.56, and the minutes of the August 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

The city received one (1) bid from Century Companies for repaving 7th Avenue North from 10th Street North to 9th Street North and 8th Avenue North from Highway 2 to 10th Street North in the amount of $269,835.00. Council member Ozark made a motion to take the bid under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst closed the regular meeting at 5:02 p.m. to conduct the public hearing on the proposed solid waste collection rate increase, the City of Glasgow's mill levy, permissive medical levy, budget, lights, streets, and garbage assessments for fiscal year 2026-2027. There were no comments made during the public hearing. Mayor Karst closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. and reopened the regular council meeting.

Council member Schindler made a motion approving the proposed solid waste collection rate increase for fiscal year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving to levy 396.32 mills in the 2026-2027 fiscal year, with 12 of these mills being allocated to the fire relief fund, and 2 mills being allocated to the disaster fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving to levy 9.64 mills for the permissive medical levy for fiscal year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the increase of 15% for street maintenance assessments in fiscal year 2026-2027. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3233** – A Resolution levying basic assessment for collection and disposal of garbage and revoking Resolution No. 3208. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3233**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler; whereby **Resolution No. 3233** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3234** – A Resolution levying assessment of costs of maintenance and electrical power for Glasgow lighting districts nos. 1 through 29, to defray the costs for fiscal year 2026-2027. Council member Brabeck moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3234**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3234** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3235** – A Resolution levying assessment of costs of annual maintenance for the Glasgow Street maintenance district to defray the costs for fiscal year 2026-2027. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No**.

3235. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark; whereby **Resolution No. 3235** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3236** – A Resolution of the city of Glasgow City Council to levy additional permissive medical levy mills for employer group health insurance for fiscal year 2026-2027. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3236**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3236** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3237** – A Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the City of Glasgow, Montana for the fiscal year 2026-2027. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3237**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3237** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3238** – A Resolution declaring a disaster due to flash flooding. Council member Brabeck moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3238**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3238** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3232** – A Resolution revising the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the SID Light Maintenance Fund. Council member Brabeck moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3232**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3232** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Ozark made a motion reappointing Zak Peterson to the Housing Authority Board for another five (5) year term effective September 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler made a motion approving the ratification of the approval for the engineering proposal and agreement from Interstate Engineering to put together a street paving bid package for the July 3, 2026 storm damage not to exceed $10,500.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck. Council member Austin stated he would like to see Schott Lane added to this list. The road is in terrible condition and after the last rain fall it was washed out again. Mayor Karst said until curb and gutter are installed this will continue to happen. Council member Austin mentioned this is the first time he's heard that curb and gutter need to be installed. He said that the street department does blade Schott Lane when maintenance is needed, since it's not a paved street. Street Foreman Runningen told the council over the past years he was told by previous Public Works Directors that his department was only supposed to main that street up to where the fire hydrant is. After further discussion, Mayor Karst called for a vote on the motion. Council members Heitman, Ozark, Koski, Schindler, and Brabeck voted for and Council member Austin voted against. Council member Ozark said even if Schott Lane isn't added to the list, if it is a city street, we should be maintaining it. Ed Malone mentioned even if it was on the list, the only thing the State would do, is repair it back to the condition it was in prior to the July 3rd storm. Ed said that he received information from the State today and they will cover 100% after the 2 mill levies are assessed and the disaster fund is set up.

Mayor Karst reported on the status of the Public Works Director search. The first candidate that was offered the position decided to decline the offer and the second candidate took another job elsewhere. We currently have one application that the council could interview if they would like. Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson to set up the interview with the candidate. City Clerk Amundson asked the council if they would like her to reach out to LC Staffing to continue to search for other applicants in case the one, they are going to interview doesn't work out. The council would like her to ask LC Staffing to continue the search.

Mayor Karst said that at the work session they had discussed if they want to continue on the way we are going with the current pay scale or reorganize the position and have it separate from the street department and would work directly under the Public Works Director. The council decided to have the personnel committee meet and revise the job description; they would also like Council member Heitman to attend that meeting, along with Street Foreman Runningen.

City Attorney Pekovitch told the council after she had reviewed the quotes for the mini-excavator she said that it would have to fall under the competitive bidding process under MCA 7-5-4302, since it will end up being a purchase over the $80,000.00 threshold. Council member Schindler asked if the city has utilized Sourcewell for the bidding process. Council member Brabeck said most of the local business participate in Sourcewell. City Clerk Amundson said that she will look into using Sourcewell. She believes the previous Public Works Director had access to it, she has never used it, but will see what she can come up with. Mayor Karst mentioned bid specs have been written up and will be given to City Clerk Amundson to use.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst mentioned he received an email from the Corps out of the Omaha office that said they haven't received our updated SWIF report for the levee yet. He did email them back and told them it was sent about a month ago.

Committee Reports: There was no reports for personnel. Mayor Karst updated the council on the issues at the lift station and one of the electricians in town thinks it may be an electrical issue. He also talked about the generator at the water treatment plant. Mayor Karst said over Memorial weekend he was in Fairview and they had a pamphlet that included a map of their cemetery and he gave it to Devin to look at. Devin would like to set up a meeting with the cemetery committee to talk about having something similar at the front gates of our cemetery. Captain Edwards said that they are looking into replacing their radios and Stella is working on finding a grant to cover the costs. He talked about the new VR system and the training that is being done. City Attorney Pekovitch said she will send City Clerk Amundson drafts of the large vehicle ordinance so she can set up a meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Street Foreman Runningen told the council the speed bumps have been removed, street sweeping is being done, pot holes are being patched, and the parks department has been busy.

Captain Edwards said that Renee is assisting the department with homecoming stuff, the career fair is next week, and Sergeant Dick attending a training on technology and warrants.

Mayor Karst asked the fire department if they had issues getting the fire trucks out when the power went out the other night. Council member Austin said they had to manually open it. Mayor Karst mentioned that the city needs to starting looking for funding for a generator for the fire department so when the power does go out, they are able to get the equipment out of the fire halls easier.

City Attorney Pekovitch is going to look at updating the water application this week and will be in town on Thursday for court and will meet with the departments.

Mayor Karst talked about blocking off 2nd Avenue South from the Post Office to D&G starting at 1:00 p.m. this year instead of noon.

Public Comment: Skylar Baker-Jordan asked the council if the city was going to do anything to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9-11. Council member Koski said that the ladder truck is usually placed at the Valley Event Center with the large flag on it.

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer	Mayor