

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 3, 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, Koski, and Austin. Council member Heitman was absent. Captain Edwards was in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, and John Bach from Interstate Engineering 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.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Schindler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 3, 2026 in the amount of \$323,132.60, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,040.54, and the minutes of the July 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst mentioned a representative from Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) was supposed to be in attendance tonight to talk about the lease agreement between them and us for the shooting range area. He explained initially they wanted a 50-year lease, but agreed to a 25-year agreement. There is a clause in the agreement where either party can terminate the lease in writing. City Attorney Pekovitch said if the city were to terminate the lease before the 25-year period is up, then the city would have to pay a pro-rated amount of the improvements that FWP makes to the site. Council member Austin made a motion approving the lease agreement between Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the City of Glasgow for the shooting range. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Glasgow and the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks for the lead survey at the Glasgow shooting range. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the extension #31 to letter agreement between Montana Aviation Research Company (Marco) and the City of Glasgow. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Mayor Karst stated in the agreement it's based off of water usage and their usage has decreased significantly, so the city pays about 99% of the total bill. There was discussion on the city possibly taking over the water line, but that would need to be a discussion between the city and Marco at another time. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the payment of Two Rivers Economic Growth annual dues for fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$1,300.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the hiring of Sam Feller for the open water operator position. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst said the annual inspection will be on August 17th at 8:00 am. Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson what her understanding was from the email that was received for the CDS money that is allocated to the city. She believes that the city will receive the initial request and thinks that there is a new round of funding that will be opening up. Council member Austin mentioned Street Foreman Runningen had brought him the last levee report from the Corps. He said he also measured the levee and it's about 2.2 miles long. Council member Brabeck wanted to know what the Corps wants the city to do with the levee, is it just maintaining the land or something more. Mayor Karst said technically the Corps wants the city to have a 15' clearance from the toe of the levee out on the non-water side. John Bach said that Interstate had put together a feasibility study for the levee and he can send that to the council members so they can review it.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel or water. Mayor Karst said Devin did get his new cell phone. Council member Schindler wanted to know where he was at with the cemetery policy. After he got set up with his computer, he was going to put some information together and bring it back

to the cemetery committee. Captain Edwards told the council the VR system has been purchased and training on it will be held the end of this month. City Attorney Pekovitch will email City Clerk Amundson three (3) drafts of the large vehicle ordinance and then a meeting can be scheduled.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards told the council his department has been busy.

City Attorney Pekovitch said the police department has been keeping her busy. She mentioned she is going to email the council about a vicious dog issue and would like their stance on it, and to email her back directly.

City Clerk Amundson said she has most of the budget compiled and is waiting on the taxable valuation from the county. She spent most of today working on garbage rate increases for the next three (3) years to present to the council to make a decision on. She told the council that we have two (2) candidates for the public works position and both look like really good candidates. She suggested setting the first interviews up virtually and depending on how they do, then schedule an in-person interview/meet-and-greet, the council would like to move forward in that direction. Mayor Karst said the council will have to discuss a salary range for the public works position.

John Bach from Interstate Engineering mentioned at the last council meeting he had talked about the bid specs for paving four (4) streets on the north side. He said that he did locate a capital improvements list on Paul's computer from 2022-2025. He inquired on the listing of damaged streets from the July 3rd storm and if Scott and Ed Malone had come up with a list for FEMA money. Mayor Karst said he will talk about that in his report. Mayor Karst then asked John if he wanted to talk about the Growth Policy and Downtown Revitalization Policy. John said that the city was awarded a \$35,000.00 grant through CDBG for the Growth Policy and the grant requires a 25% match of \$8,750.00. He thinks the city would qualify for the Montana Main Street Grant and it could be used to fund both plans. The Main Street grant requires a 20% match; if both plans are being updated at the same time, each grant can be used as a match for the other grant.

Mayor Karst told the council that he had reached out to Stone Tihista about spraying the weeds in the streets. She said that it would be a large project and wasn't sure if her and her crew would be able to do it, but she would like further direction before she could put a quote together. They talked about the possibility of summer employees assisting with this to keep the cost down. They decided to wait until the city hires a public works director and have a plan in place before next summer to address the weeds in the streets. We have received one application for the mechanics' position. Mayor Karst said a street committee meeting will have to be set to discuss bid specs for the street paving project, since the quotes that were received came in higher than we were expecting. He mentioned that John had some questions about the curbs along some of the streets that need to be redone and whose responsibility is it to fix those. Mayor Karst talked about the damage to the streets from the July 3rd storm and the listing of streets and measurements has been compiled and Ed Malone is working on putting costs together, but the estimate is around a half a million dollars. The disaster declaration has been done, signed, and filed. He then updated the council on the background check for the Chief of Police applicant and everything came back clean, so he would like to have Captain Edwards set up a meeting with the Police Commission so they can conduct their interview. The council agreed to proceed forward with this. The council discussed the police commission involvement and how that process works. They also wanted to know when the candidates name can be released. City Attorney Pekovitch said the we could reach out to them and have them write up their own introduction and sign a release form to allow it to become public. Mayor Karst told the council the new lift station pump has been installed and is making the same noises as the old one, so Adam reached out to the company, and they are supposed to be sending someone to look at it.

Public Comment: Council member Austin talked about the street by the museum and the awful condition of it. Candy inquired if the street department was going to finish painting the handicapped space on 2nd Avenue South. Mayor Karst said the street department will probably get back to it, but once the cold mix arrived, they started repairing the pot holes.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor