

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 15, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Schindler, Koski, Brabeck, Ozark, Heitman, and Austin. Captain Edwards and Grant Writer Ryan were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Cindy Bishop, and Dave Moon 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.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 15, 2026 in the amount of \$137,769.61, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$887.84, and the minutes of the June 1, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion awarding the City of Glasgow's gas and diesel for fiscal year 2026-2027 to Ezzie's Wholesale. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Council member Brabeck made a motion awarding the City of Glasgow's solid waste collection contract for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 to T&R Trucking. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler. Council member Ozark said he understands the cost of the contract, but it's a \$184,000.00 tax increase over a three (3) year period and the city will have to keep that in mind during the budget process. Council member Austin said that compared to other communities around the state, Glasgow residents get solid waste picked up twice a week. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the renewal of Pioneer Community Development's (Ashleigh Byer's) grant writing contract from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. She asked City Clerk Amundson if there was an increase in the contract. City Clerk Amundson said there was no increase requested this year. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the April 2026 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst explained the grant funding for the Sullivan Park Home Run Pond Path rehabilitation was only \$75,000.00 and there wasn't any other funding to be able to make up the difference between the bid and the grant amount. He said the city has two (2) other grants for that area, one for \$15,000.00 for handicapped accessibility, and \$90,000.00 for trail upgrades. Council member Koski mentioned there may be a possibility to use some of the Pilot grant funds to assist with funding these projects. Council member Austin made a motion to decline the quote received from Century Construction in the amount of \$104,515.00 for the Sullivan Park Home Run Pond path rehabilitation project and to rebid it. The motion was seconded by Council member Brabeck, and carried unanimously.

Captain Edwards mentioned that he needs some assistance at the police department and he is requesting interim positions for two (2) officers until a chief is hired. He is asking for a Lieutenant instead of an Assistant Chief because he is going to maintain his title as Assistant Chief. Sergeant Dick is currently performing Lieutenant duties and Officer Sager is taking on Sergeant duties. Council member Austin made a motion to move Sergeant Dick to the interim Lieutenant position and Officer Sager to the interim Sergeant position until a Chief of Police is hired. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated that this was done before with Captain Edwards before Chief Weber was hired. Council member Brabeck said that she doesn't see any issue with that since he has been taking on the additional responsibilities. Captain Edwards is requesting back pay as of May 1, 2026 after Chief Weber retired. Council member Brabeck made a motion approving the additional pay for Captain Edwards retroactive back to May 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously. Mayor Karst said each council member received their packet of applications for Chief of Police and City Clerk Amundson would like them back by Friday at 5:00 p.m., so she can calculate the total scores for each. Then the council can decide on who they want to interview after that.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst told the council that the levee safety committee met with Great West on June 2nd. He talked about the three (3) grants the city has been awarded for the levee. The one grant from DES and the other from RDG and both are for the same project, the levee closure project. Great West is going to ask DES if that award money can be reallocated for another project on the levee, since RDG will not reallocate funds since it was awarded specifically for this project. The request that was made to Sheehy's office was also awarded in the amount of \$2.47 million, but at this time the levee committee isn't sure what this money can be used for until they receive direction from Sheehy's office. Council member Ozark said it's vitally important that the city finds a public works director with all of the upcoming city projects. Mayor Karst explained at

this time the levee is in good standing with the Corps until 2027. There will be an inspection coming up in the fall, but as long as the city continues to maintain the levee and working on the smaller projects listed in the SWIF plan, the city should remain in compliance. If the levee falls out of compliance with the Corps, then most everyone will have to acquire flood insurance. Council member Ozark suggested the council start thinking “outside of the box” for hiring a Public Works Director. Council member Koski asked it if was possible to get quotes from engineering firms. Mayor Karst said he’s talked with John Bach at Interstate and Jon Bengochea and both have been willing to help the city out when needed. Council member Ozark asked if the council could have a special meeting to discuss this further and come up with ideas. After further discussion on dates and times that would work, the council decided to hold a work session on Thursday June 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Personnel or Ordinance. Council member Austin reported on the water committee meeting that was held before this meeting. They had met with Water/Wastewater Supervisor Morehouse and will be recommending increasing his current wage by \$.68 at the July 6th council meeting. Mayor Karst talked about the issue that happened this year, with items being removed from gravesites that shouldn’t have been following Memorial Day. Council member Schindler asked if there are written rules for the cemetery. Council member Brabeck said there is not. Mayor Karst said there are some residents who have made deals with Dan Miller on taking care of their own gravesites. The council agreed that there should be a standardized policy for decorations at the cemetery. After further discussion, the council decided to schedule a cemetery committee meeting on Thursday June 18th at 3:00 p.m. to meet with Dan and Devin. Grant Writer Ryan mentioned the information on the VR system has been sent off to the Montana Board of Crime Control for their approval before they can purchase the equipment.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards told the council about staff attending trainings over the past month, the Cat Classic went well, and some officers will be taking some vacation time next month.

City Clerk Amundson said there are two (2) applicants for the mechanics position and interviews are scheduled for next Wednesday the 24th. The interview committee will be Council member Heitman, Mayor Karst, Street Foreman Runningen, and herself. She told the council that she had reached out to Morrison-Maierle to assist the city with renewing the city’s discharge permit for the lagoon since it’s pretty in depth and can take up to 60 hours or more to complete and that contract will be presented at the next council meeting for their approval. If they complete the entire process the cost would be about \$6,200.00, but if they compile all of the information, she can enter into the FACTS system, since she has access to it, and that would save some money. She has started working on budgets, and the departments budget request sheets are due back by June 26th. The patching quotes are due back this Friday by 5:00 p.m. and the annual drinking water report has been completed and sent to the courier for publication in either this weeks or next week’s paper. After she receives the affidavit of publication that and the report will be sent off to DEQ. She mentioned she had Montana Rural Water Assist with that report, and there was no cost to the city for this.

Mayor Karst reported on what City Attorney Pekovitch had talked to him about last Friday at the department head meeting. She reviewed the MMI contract and will have suggested changes for them to approve, she’s looked over the FWP contract for the shooting range and is suggesting reducing the term of 50 years down to 25 years and including a release clause for both parties. She is also working on the Reserve Officer paperwork, writing a letter to someone who has been trespassing on city property that’s in the county, and the two (2) road closures.

Skylar asked City Clerk Amundson when she sent the Annual Drinking Water report. She said she had just emailed it this morning to Terry. He told the council that he’s in preliminary talks to host a debate between Congressman Downing and his opponent and will possibly be looking for a venue to hold it at in August.

Mayor Karst said that Water Supervisor Morehouse has been having some issues at the wastewater treatment plant with the aerators. He’s been talking with Lemna to see if they could come to town to get them fixed. He’s concerned about the oxygen levels because if they drop too low, it kills the bugs in the system. He is going to talk with Rika at Morrison-Maierle for options on adding additional bugs to it.

Public Comment: Council member Schindler said that she was talking with Captain Edwards and in the city’s procurement policy it has the section about the buying local preferences and it says: local vendor price (including shipping) must be within 5% of the lowest responsible price available she would like the council to review the policy again and possibly increase the 5%. It will be added to the council work session agenda for Thursday.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor