REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING -------- SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Schindler, Ozark, Heitman, Koski, and Austin. Council member Brabeck was absent. Officers Moon and Sager and City Attorney Pekovitch were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Jerry Lytle, Pat and Nancy Braaten, Rachel Liff, Sam Waters, Renee Jones, and Doug Welsh from Century Companies were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson 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 September 21, 2026 in the amount of $83,123.49, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of $118.75, and the minutes of the September 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

The city received two (2) bids for the storm damage street improvements project. The first bid was from Century Companies in the amount of $981,246.00; $177,500.00 for mobilization, bonds, taxes, and insurance, asphalt milling and overlay $515,250.00, subgrade/gravel repair $273,496.00, and miscellaneous work allowance of $15,000.00. The second bid was from Bishop, Inc. in the amount of $1,377,980.00; $80,000.00 for mobilization, bonds, taxes, and insurance, asphalt milling and overlay $1,122,100.00, subgrade/gravel repair $160,880.00, and miscellaneous work allowance $15,000.00. Council member Koski made a motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler asked what Chief Weber was making when he left employment with the city. City Clerk Amundson said he was making $42.49. Mayor Karst said when he talked with Mr. Lytle, he was requesting a similar wage. Council member Ozark mentioned Mr. Lytle has as much supervisory experience as Chief Weber had, with being the Sheriff in Phillips County. The council suggested incremental increases after a six (6) and twelve (12) month review. Council member Ozark made a motion to offer $40.00 per hour to Jerry Lytle for the Chief of Police position with reviews at six (6) and twelve (12) months. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to hire Jerry Lytle for the Chief of Police position. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Office for Jerry Lytle.

Captain Edwards requested the interim pay for Lieutenant Dick, Sergeant Sager, and himself to be extended until the middle of October instead of ending on October 5th. Mayor Karst asked Jerry if his start date will be October 5th. Jerry said he will be submitting his letter of resignation to Phillips County in the morning and is giving them a three (3) week notice, and he will start work as the Chief of Police in Glasgow on the 5th. Council member Austin made a motion that as of the 5th of October that they go back to what they were making since we will have a Chief of Police that will be working. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler. Council member Ozark asked if the titles that were given in the interim will go down along with the pay. Jerry said he believes they will go back to their previous positions at this time. Mayor Karst asked Officer Sager if that was the understanding when they were appointed to the interim positions. He said yes. Lieutenant Dick will move back down into the Sergeant position and at this time there will not be anyone in the Lieutenant position. Jerry can appoint officers into the positions after he starts. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the June and July 2026 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst mentioned he had received a notice from Omaha that the 2026 SWIF updates haven't been received in their office. Great West is working on gathering the information so it can be submitted and they are working on the grants for the levee closure project. Council member Austin

asked if this task order will come out of the city's budget or if it will be allocated under one of the grants. Mayor Karst said it will be paid out of the city's budgeted amount for the levee. Council member Austin made a motion approving Great West's task order #3 for the 2026 SWIF updates and to enter into a contract not to exceed $10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst stated that Great West is working on the updates and let the Omaha office know and the city should still be in compliance.

Committee Reports: There was no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or grant. City Attorney Pekovitch said an ordinance committee meeting could be scheduled next month for the large vehicle ordinance and two (2) final notice letters were mailed for nuisance lots and the owners have 30-days to comply.

Department Head Reports:

City Attorney Pekovitch stated the police department has been busy and they located the individuals that were involved in damaging street signs around town. She will also be back in town on Thursday for court.

City Clerk Amundson said the council should have the personnel committee meeting minutes from the 17th and the recommendations will be on the October 5th agenda for approval. The cemetery committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 5th, she is waiting on the information from Devin that he would like to present. The grant from DNRC for the levee closure project is being routed to their main admin people, and then will be routed to the city for signatures.

Skyler Baker-Jordan asked if the information that Devin wants to present to the cemetery committee includes the new policy. Mayor Karst said he may present the start of the policy, but he wants to discuss other things he has been working on. Council member Koski asked if the meeting will be set before or after the council meeting. City Clerk Amundson said she is thinking before the council meeting at 4:00 p.m., since Devin is off work at that time, and he wouldn't have to come back after the council meeting.

Mayor Karst said Devin was out on Friday and today, so the street department covered the funeral earlier today. He said that Water/Wastewater Supervisor Morehouse told him that the UV Bank at the lagoon has been cleaned up and bulbs changed and the SCADA system alarms have been taken care of and cleared off the system. A representative from DEQ will be in town tomorrow to do training with the water department and there is another training in October in Lewistown. He reported on the new meter reading system that was used today and there are 202 meters with dead batteries that will have to be replaced; the cost for one battery is $187.25 and last approximately 20 years. He updated the council on the lift station pumps, Pace is in town working on videoing our sewer lines and cleaning, there are roofing issues with the green shed, and the swim pool is being winterized.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor