REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING -------- OCTOBER 5, 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. Street Foreman Runningen, Chief Lytle, and Captain Edwards were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Ed Malone, Lenore Durell, DeeDee Hicks, Louise Lemieux, John Bach from Interstate Engineering, and Bob Nelson from T&E were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Jonathan Aungst from the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Schindler 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 October 5, 2026 in the amount of $126,794.52, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of $1,083.43, and the minutes of the September 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst said the bid opening for the mini-excavator will now take place. The city received four (4) bids. The first bid opened was from Border Plains. They were thankful for the opportunity to submit a bid, but they were unable to submit a formal proposal at this time because they do not possess the inventory to meet the city's specific needs. The second bid opened was from Tractor & Equipment. Their bid included one (1) new 2026 Caterpillar Model 304 Excavator with all the standard equipment in addition to the additional specifications listed below. The listing price was $78,300.00 with a trade in allowance of $7,000.00 for a balance of $71,300.00. They also included four (4) different financing options for the city to choose from. The third bid received was from RDO Equipment. Their bid included a New 2026 John Deere with the listing price of $107,740.07, a customer discount of $28,226.07 from the Sourcewell contract, radio and attachment total was $5,300.00 with a trade in allowance of $7,500.00, with financing an amount of $77,314.00, and included a leasing option. The final bid that was opened was from Torgerson's Equipment. The bid included a New 2026 Case IH in the amount of $79,150.00. There was no trade in allowance or financing option. Council member Ozark made a motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Mayor Karst asked the council if they would allow him to authorize the purchase after the bids are reviewed to speed up the process and then he would inform the council on the decision. The council gave Mayor Karst the authorization to purchase after the bids are reviewed. Motion carried.

John Bach told the council that he had reviewed the bids that were received and Century was over the typical 15% for mobilization costs and the city does have the right to waive any informalities in the bids and he would recommend awarding the bid to Century, since there was a large cost difference between the two (2) bids. Council member Koski made a motion awarding the storm damage paving bid to Century Companies in the amount of $981,246.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion appointing Hannah Casillas to the Recreation Board for a three (3) year term effective October 6, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

The council members that were present for the interview said that he would be a good candidate for the position. Council member Schindler asked if they had discussed wages. They suggested an annual salary of $130,000.00. Mayor Karst mentioned the first candidate the city offered $150,000.00 and they declined. They also talked about increases after six (6) months and a year following a performance review. Mayor Karst said the conditional offer would allow the city to begin the background check on the candidate, so the process can proceed forward. Council member Austin made a motion to send the conditional offer to the Director of Public Works candidate. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schindler made a motion to approve the updated mechanic's job description. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst told the council that the personnel committee talked about a range between $30.00 and $35.00, depending on experience. Council member Schindler made a motion to accept the recommendation from the personnel committee of a starting wage for the mechanic between $30.00 and $35.00 per hour, depending on experience. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3239** – A Resolution Levying a Special Assessment for Unpaid Nuisance Weed Cutting and/or Removal for the Year 2026. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3239**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler; whereby **Resolution No. 3239** was unanimously adopted.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst stated that Great West has submitted the updated SWIF plan to the Corps.

Committee Reports: There was no reports for personnel or water. Mayor Karst mentioned Devin has started a policy for the cemetery that the committee will be able to review. Captain Edwards talked about the FEMA grant that would help the police department purchase radios, but Grant Writer Ryan didn't have the time to be able to apply, so Ed Malone has volunteered to assist the police department in applying for that grant. Ed told the council the Sheriff's department will also be included in this grant, but it's through Homeland Security and not FEMA; it's due the 28th of October. City Attorney Pekovitch said the nuisance letters were mailed and the property owners have until the 18th of October to contact the city with a plan for clean-up.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards mentioned there was vandalism that happened over the weekend to a business in town, a vehicle, and a house.

Chief Lytle updated the council about his first day in the office. He has requested a quote for Secure Warrant, which is an online system to doing search warrants.

Street Foreman Runningen said that his department finished up patching last week, the signs that were damaged have been replaced, they will start chip sealing, and Torey has been busy in the parks.

City Attorney Pekovitch asked Street Foreman Runningen if he was able to get a full restitution amount to the police department for the signs that were damaged. He did. She said she had talked with the County Attorney and they are going to keep this case in city court and try to get restitution and give community service hours for it.

Mayor Karst said Council member Schindler attended the department head meeting on Friday morning. He also mentioned an employee at the water department has given his notice, so there will be an open position, we received one application for the Deputy Clerk position that will be reviewed and the swim pool is being winterized.

Public Comment: Louise Lemieux was in attendance to talk to the council about the issues she has been having with one of her neighbors and the continuous barking from their dogs. She voiced her frustration with their cats that keep entering into her home. Captain Edwards told Chief Lytle that he will update him on the situation.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor