REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING -------- OCTOBER 19, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Schindler, Heitman, Koski, and Brabeck. Council member Austin was absent. Chief Lytle, and Captain Edwards were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Nancy Braaten, and Troy Neff were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Attorney Pekovitch, and Council member Ozark 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 October 19, 2026 in the amount of $122,456.06, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of $316.47, and the minutes of the October 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Nancy Braaten was in attendance to talk to the council about the Shuland City Park. Council member Koski wanted to know where that was located at. Nancy explained that she lives at the end of Kampfer Drive and it was located directly behind her house. She told the council that she moved to that location in 2001 and they chose it because of the park and it was a good place for kids. In the past she was told the property was not for sale because it was a city park and found out approximately 3-4 years ago it was sold. She mentioned City Clerk Amundson had emailed her the history of the sale of the property, and she found out back in 2009 it was changed from a city park to city land. Then in 2020 there was a notice published that the property was for sale. She said that she had asked her neighbors if they knew that the property was for sale, and they did not. The property was officially sold in March of 2021. She voiced her frustration on how the city only published the notice and didn't notify the residents in that area. Nancy wanted to know how the board handles a request to sell city land and the process. Mayor Karst said the city has to find out first if they can legally sell a piece of property. He talked about when FMDH wanted to purchase a portion of Hoyt Park, and found out legally we weren't able to sell a portion of it. Then we proceed forward with the legal obligation of the public notification and it's also included in the minutes for the approval to publish. She then wanted to know if any of the board members look into the properties use and how it would affect the surrounding neighbors if it was sold. Mayor Karst said it would have been the public works director's job to do, and he's unsure if it was completed at that time. Nancy also said that she found it interesting that the first publication was out in 2020 that it was going to be sold, but the property didn't until February of 2021. Council member Brabeck said the process was started in 2020 by conducting title searches, surveys, and their due diligence before bids were even requested. Nancy suggested to the council to reconsider how they are notifying the public when the city decides to sell property. Mayor Karst told Nancy that prior to this meeting a cemetery committee meeting was held to discuss a policy that is going to be put in place in the near future and how will they get that information out to the public. They talked about the development the owner of the Shuland property is doing. Nancy then asked the council what the process is if they decide to change a city park into just city property and what information is gathered to make that decision. Mayor Karst said we would follow the advice from the City Attorney to go through the process to make that change. They talked about the Wedum Park area, which is city property, but the council is unsure of what to do with it, since it's a main area for water runoff, and will never be developed into an actual park. Skylar had asked what year the Shuland property sold. Mayor Karst said in 2021. Skylar said at that time there was a different editor for the paper. He also said the editor before him was really good at writing articles about city council happenings. Since the Courier is the only paper in Valley County, they are required to post the legal notices, and encouraged people to read them.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the August 2026 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the 2.5% wage increase for union and non-bargaining employees for fiscal years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously. Captain Edwards asked if the 2.5% was for the next two years. Mayor Karst said yes.

Council member Schindler made a motion to approve paying 100% of the health insurance premium for union employees and a 100% of the health insurance premium for MMIA insurance plans that the non-bargaining employees are enrolled in starting with the November premium and will not be paid retroactive. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Glasgow and Teamsters' Local Union No. 2 from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3240** – A Resolution Determining the Salaries and Compensation of Elected and Appointed City Officers and All City Employees Excluding Police Department; for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; Revoking Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and Establishing an Effective Date for Salaries and Compensation. Council member Koski made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 3240**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler. Council member Brabeck asked what the effective date is. Mayor Karst said it's always July 1st. **Resolution No. 3240** was unanimously adopted.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst stated the city received a letter from WWC Engineering in regards to the one grant for the railroad structure closure project. City Clerk Amundson said that Great West Engineering suggested the city let WWC know that this is a city project and we are good with moving forward with it.

Committee Reports: There was no reports for personnel or water. Mayor Karst told the council the cemetery committee met prior to this meeting and is working on a policy for Memorial Day and the rest of the year. The committee will meet again to review the drafted policy before bringing it to the council for final approval and implementation. Captain Edwards mentioned there is a new round of funding for the STEP grant that the city was awarded. City Attorney Pekovitch said she will be enforcing a couple of the ordinances pertaining to nuisance lots.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Lytle told the council the secure warrant software has been implemented and he's working on implementing the Lexipool policies.

City Attorney Pekovitch said during court she had a good outcome on the dog's at large case.

Skylar mentioned to the council that the paper will be honoring veteran's and if they have anyone, they would like to honor they can submit a picture or information on that person.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the background check on the Director of Public Works candidate and they will be added to the November 2nd council agenda for approval to hire, but they won't start until December. The conditional offer letter to the mechanic has been accepted and the background check will be completed this week. The parks department has been blowing out sprinklers, street department has been working on chip sealing, and Sam and Shane just got back to town from water school that was in Bozeman and both tested. The generator at the lagoon has been fixed and is operating. Mayor Karst suggested a water committee meeting should be scheduled to discuss the lift station issues. He also said with Halloween coming up both Bonnie and Aberdeen Streets have been asked to be closed off again. Heather Lane has also been asked to be closed off. They can't close off the entire street, but a suggestion was to have one way traffic.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Brabeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schindler, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor