

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 4, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Carr, Heitman, Austin, Ozark, and Nistler. Council member Koski was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, Sergeant Dick, DPW Skubinna, and City Attorney Pekovitch. Candy Lagerquist, Tess Fahlgren, Randon Stormer, Devin and Breana Rasmusan, and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for March 4, 2024 in the amount of \$140,035.10, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,336.07, the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, **Resolution No. 3157** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from the Montana Department of Commerce, and **Resolution No. 3158** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Swim Pool Fund for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from Fish, Wildlife, and Park. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3159** – A Resolution Calling for Bids for the Sale of Glasgow's Fire Department's 1988 Pierce Fire Truck. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3159**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3159** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Heitman made a motion reappointing the following members to the planning board: Dan Durell for a Three (3) year term, Nanci Schoenfelder for a Two (2) year term, and Casey Burke for a one (1) year term effective March 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the December 2023 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was in attendance to explain the change order #1 for the Glasgow Pool re-bid. He explained since the swim pool committee and the council had agreed to demolish the current pool house and build a new one Corland Construction will complete the work on the demolition and build a new mechanical room and since there is no longer a need for an additional door; that cost was removed. Council member Nistler made a motion approving the change order #1 for the Glasgow Pool re-bid in the amount of \$62,505.79. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Pekovitch explained the boulevard encroachment application and permit. She said the city council can implement this because it's in the city code. This application and permit are modeled off of the one Great Falls currently has in place. It can be used for anyone wanting to use the city's right-of-way and the city council can also have an annual fee for it. Council member Nistler made a motion to approve implementing the boulevard encroachment application and permit process. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna said they had a productive meeting last week and will be meeting with Great West to start updating the city's SWIF plan.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or grant. City Attorney Pekovitch told the council that the marijuana ordinance is ready to be reviewed. An ordinance committee meeting will be held following the March 18th Council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said that things are going well in his department. Sergeant Dick was in attendance to give a report on the new therapy dog the police department has. There are three (3) different training stages and the dog will be evaluated after each one. There will be an annual fee of \$30.00.

DPW Skubinna reported Thompson Construction is moving their equipment into town to start on the 1987 Transmission Main project. The preconstruction meeting for the swim pool will be held soon. The street department will be moving snow downtown tomorrow morning. The council then discussed the snow removal plan that the public works department is working off of. Council member Austin suggested putting the plan on the next agenda for council approval. DPW Skubinna suggested waiting on the formal adoption until the street department can use it a few more times to see where any changes may need to be made with it.

City Clerk Amundson told the council after she meets with City Attorney Pekovitch on suggested changes from MMIA on the city's personnel policy manual a personnel committee meeting will be set. She has finished the fiscal

year 2024-2025 insurance coverage reporting. The public hearing for the HB 355 money will be held on March 18th and the Hospital Proposal Committee meeting will be set for Thursday March 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., she will send out agendas and updated information in the morning.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor