

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 19, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Carr, Ozark, and Koski. Council member Nistler called in at 5:14 p.m. Council member Heitman was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, and City Grant Writer Beyers. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was in attendance, along with Bobby Overbey. DPW Skubinna, City Attorney Pekovitch, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Council member Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: There was no Public Comment.

Mayor Karst mentioned John Kulczyk will not be in attendance tonight and will be moved to the July 3, 2023 Regular Council meeting and after the consent agenda is approved, he will swear in Bobby Overbey as the Reserve Officer. Council member Austin made a motion approving the agenda changes mentioned by the mayor and the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 19, 2023 in the amount of \$226,696.44, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$475.46, and the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Office for Reserve Officer Bobby Overbey.

There was no representation from the library for their presentation they wanted to do for the city council.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the March and April 2023 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion awarding the city's gas and diesel for fiscal year 2023-2024 to Ezzie's Wholesale, Inc. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin updated the council on the special assessments committee meeting. He said the solid waste contract amount increased this year and the city will have to increase garbage rates; they are recommending a 10% increase each year for two (2) years and then review the rates and contract amount in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year. Garbage rates have not been increased for approximately 15 years since the cash reserve amount was sufficient to cover the cost of the contract over the years. The proposed rate increase will have to be held in a public hearing. Council member Koski made a motion accepting the recommendations from the special assessment committee to award the solid waste contract to T&R Trucking in the amount of \$372,992.00 and the 10% rate increase over the next two (2) years with a rate review in the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst said the City Attorney contract review committee met and they would like to have her work more hours for the city. City Attorney Pekovitch will submit a couple of proposals to be reviewed for the July 3, 2023 regular council meeting. Council member Ozark inquired on where the additional money will come from to pay for the extra hours and why the committee is requesting more hours. Council member Austin explained the number of hours that is required for certain tickets issued by the police department and that doesn't leave many hours for her to work on the city's civil stuff. There was no action taken at this meeting.

DPW Skubinna explained there is a minor amendment to the building permit review contract that updates the language to be in compliance with the Department of Labor standards and clarifies what is included in the Code Compliance Officers job description; there is no increase in cost. Council member Carr made a motion to approve the amended City of Glasgow Building Permit Review scope between the City of Glasgow and Interstate Engineering. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna mentioned the next meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Karst inquired if there will be a quorum for the July 3, 2023 regular council meeting. Two council members will be absent, but there will be a quorum.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. An ordinance committee meeting will need to be set. City Grant Writer Beyers said the city was awarded the FWP grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Sullivan Park. She will continue to look for additional funding to be able to complete the entire project. She is also working on additional grant applications for the swim pool construction.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said he attended the appeal meeting at the Montana Board of Crime Control for the CAC grant that was denied and they voted to still deny the grant.

City Clerk Amundson said some budget requests have been returned and she will start entering them soon.

DPW Skubinna updated the council on the sewer separation project.

Public Comment: Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering mentioned the swim pool committee will have an amendment to the bathhouse renovations that will have to be approved by council. He will have that ready for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting; he will not be in attendance, but will have a representative from the pool committee attend.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

Stacey Amundson  
City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor