

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 4, 2019

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Schoenfelder, Carr, Karst, and Ozark. Council member Nistler was absent. Those also present were City Clerk Amundson, Sergeant Edwards, DPW Kompel, and City Attorney Helland. Charles Loran, Richard Turner, Mona Turner, James Turner, and Josh Turner were also in attendance. The media was represented by AJ Etherington of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: Mona Turner was in attendance and requested the council amend section 18.81 in the city code book regarding parking. There are people in the community who received a parking ticket without any warnings issued and are upset. There was discussion about certain streets not being plowed and making it difficult to get around. Sergeant Edwards explained that in the previous ordinance a vehicle was only allowed to be parked in the same spot for 3 days and it is now extended to 5. Most of the vehicles had not been moved since the first snow fall the end of January. Council member Karst mentioned the Ordinance committee will take a look at that ordinance when they meet. Ms. Turner would like to know when it is. She left her number with the City Clerk to contact her when an ordinance committee meeting is set.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for March 4, 2019 in the amount of \$85,682.62, the Valley Court Apartment Claims in the amount of \$3,931.78, and the minutes of the February 19, 2019, Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion approving the January 2019 Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion approving the ratification of **Resolution No. 2095** – A Resolution Authorizing Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Assistance for Construction of a New 6 Lane Swimming Pool and Bathhouse for Glasgow and Valley County, Montana. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 2096** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in General Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Montana Department of Transportation. Council member Schoenfelder moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2096**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 2096** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 2097** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Borrowed from the First Community Bank. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 2097**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder; whereby **Resolution No. 2097** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Ozark suggested any future budgetary resolutions be included in the consent agenda and if there are questions on any of them, they can be removed from the consent agenda and moved onto the agenda.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion approving the fiscal year end June 2018 audit. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to approve hiring Dave Phillips for the open police officer position contingent on the background check. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark. Council member Ozark suggested moving forward to include a copy of the resume and a letter from the police commission on why the recommended hire is the best candidate. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – A Levee Committee meeting is set for March 7th at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – None

-Discussion/Decision on City Attorney for Criminal Services – Mayor Erickson mentioned she has contacted a few attorneys along the hi-line to see if they would be interested

in taking over the criminal portion for the city. It was decided to re-advertise for the position and include that the civil portion of the city's contract may be a possibility.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, or Insurance. Council member Karst will meet with City Attorney Helland on the in home business ordinance on Friday morning. Mayor Erickson mentioned the city will receive a \$5,000.00 grant from TransCanada for the downtown beautification project.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Kompel stated the street department has been working on snow removal and one employee was up in the Cemetery helping Dan dig a grave since the ground is frozen. He attended the 1st spring flood briefing at the Weather Service and currently it's looking like minimal flooding. The preconstruction meeting was held on February 26th, the job trailers have been brought in, and they project is tentatively scheduled to start on March 18th.

Mayor Erickson mentioned she will be attending the Two Rivers meeting tomorrow at the Cottonwood, she meet with Senator Daines when he was in town to discuss assistance with funding the city's SWIF plan, and she will be meeting with the Commissioners on Wednesday.

Sergeant Edwards told the council that violent crimes are increasing and most are meth related. The Sherriff's department has been providing assistance and both departments are working very well together. The police department is working on updating the Zuercher system to include it in the vehicles, this will also be able to assist dispatch at a better capacity.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor