

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- DECEMBER 18, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Koski, Heitman, Austin, Ozark, and Nistler. Council member Carr was absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna and Dan Miller. Candy Lagerquist, Tess Fahlgren, Roxi Fassett, Judy Idler, Charlie Plant, and Sean Heavey were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Offices for Council members Koski, Austin, and Heitman.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for December 18, 2023 in the amount of \$243,101.57, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$971.97, and the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the downtown parking committee's recommendation to move forward on pull in diagonal parking on 2nd Avenue South and 3rd Street South, with implementation in the spring of 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Ozark asked if there will be enough room for semi traffic since it's a designated truck route with the diagonal parking. DPW Skubinna said the road is wide enough and there should be no issues with the semi traffic. Council member Ozark also asked why the committee decided to go with pull in diagonal parking and not back in. Council member Koski explained since Glasgow has an elderly population and most vehicles will back in all the way to the curb, there's a possibility that the trees, bike rack, and light poles could all be hit easily. DPW Skubinna also suggested to the council that there are clear written instructions and enforcement when this goes into effect. He also would like the council to consider if the striping will be contracted out or completed in house. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion reappointing Council member Heitman to the Planning Board for another four (4) year term effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion to approve applying for the HB355 funding in the amount of \$241,283.00 to go towards the Hall Terrace/Hurly Drive Project. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated the council meetings in January will be Tuesday January 2nd and Tuesday January 16th due to the New Years Day and Martin Luther King holidays.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated the next meeting will be Wednesday November 20th. We also received the 2022 inspection results last week and addressed issues that needed to be repaired before the 2023 inspection.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. City Clerk Amundson read City Grant Writer Beyers grant report, which included the following: The LWCF grant drawdown request in the amount of \$104,012 has been submitted for reimbursement for materials that have been purchased for the new pool construction, the TSP grant for Sullivan Park contract should be signed this week, she will meet with the CDBG program specialist to finalize the housing rehab application, the following pool applications will be submitted in February – Tracey Foundation, T-Mobile, and Washington Foundation, the CIP grant application for MCEP will be submitted in January and tentatively a grant application to CDBG for the Downtown Lighting Plan. An ordinance committee meeting will be scheduled in January.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna told the council the bids for the 1987 transmission main were opened last week. We received four (4) bids, but only three (3) were read. The lowest bid was \$2.6 million and Morrison Maierle is conducting a background check on the contractor since they haven't worked with them before.

Mayor Karst said that Fossum's and Lee will no longer be digging water and sewer lines for replacement, so at this time we are unsure on who will be able to do this.

Public Comment: Charlie Plant asked the council what the decision was on the diagonal parking. Mayor Karst said that the council approved the pull in diagonal parking on both 2nd Avenue South and 3rd Street South.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor