

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 15, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Karst, Ozark and Young. Council members Carr and Nistler were absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, Utility Billing Clerk Frueh, City Attorney Sullivan, Assistant Director of Public Works Cook, Officer Nolan, Assistant Chief Edwards, and Chief Gault. Madelyn House, Andy Fahlgren, Mary Fahlgren and Drew Markle were also in attendance. The media was represented by AJ Etherington from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Young made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 15, 2020 in the amount of \$139,405.44, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$404.43, the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and **Resolution No. 3037** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Grant from Montana Board of Crime Control Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Montana Board of Crime Control. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3038** – A Resolution Revising the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the Valley Court Apartment Fund. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3038**. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark. There was discussion on where the additional money was coming from and if this was money from the tax payers. It will be researched to see if the grant monies from the state will cover the additional costs. **Resolution No. 3038** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption second reading of **Ordinance No. 966** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Adopting A New Requirement Requiring A Survey Prior to Issuing A Building Permit and Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. City Attorney Sullivan stated this is being put in to place to avoid any potential conflicts between neighbors and allowing a property owner to build without having to tear it down for being constructed in the incorrect location. Council member Young moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 966** for the second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Ordinance No. 966**, was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 966** will become effective July 15, 2020.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption second reading of **Ordinance No. 967** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Adopting A One Hundred Dollar Fee for the Issuance of A Special Permit for the Purpose of Permitting Public Drinking and Thereby Amending Ordinance No. 916, Subsection 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Chapter 4, Section 4-27 (a). Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 967** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark; whereby **Ordinance No. 967** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 967** will become effective July 15, 2020.

Council member Ozark inquired with Chief Gault to make sure this contract is working out before voting on it. Chief Gault said it is working well and there are no issues. Council member Karst made a motion approving the Animal Shelter Contract for Fiscal year 2020-2021 between the City of Glasgow and Valley Vision Paints. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion awarding the garbage contract to T&R Trucking in the amount of \$261,261.92 for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion awarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 fuel bid to Ezzie's Wholesale. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion to appoint Madelyn House to the Library Board for a five (5) year term effective July 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Sullivan said a municipality can sell equipment to an individual with a motion from the council and a 2/3rds vote. The minimum bid price was set at \$20,000.00 and the city did not receive any bids after advertising for it twice. DPW Kompel said that he has done some research on the larger equipment prices and those listed between \$30 and \$40,000.00 are not being sold. Council member Ozark made a motion to sell the Motor Grader to the individual from Roosevelt County for \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson stated that the issue of selling city park property will be on the next agenda since it was talked about in the council work session, but wasn't put on the agenda for this meeting. Council member Young made a motion to approve moving forward with constructing resolutions to put chickens and elections at large on the November General election. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously. Mayor Erickson mentioned she spoke with Taryn at the Clerk and Recorder's office and she said the cost to the city to have the items on the ballot should be less than \$2,000.00.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – NONE

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

- Update on Status of Paperwork Filed for the City to be able to sell the City Property in the Shuland Addition (Park Property) – The quiet action title had not been filed because the court system was essentially shut down due to COVID-19 and will take about a year, but it is drafted and will be filed this week.

Mayor Erickson stated that Alicia is constructing a letter for our 52 delinquent water accounts and to let them know we are not shutting them off, but what their current account balance is. She will be meeting with the County Commissioners tomorrow to review the Interlocal Agreement for the Library and Scott Runningen to go over the wage compensation matrix program that has been approved by council. There will be a meeting Thursday morning in Robert's office with the police department to clarify enforcement roles and what the process needs to be regarding weedy lots.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Water, Cemetery, or Insurance.

Mayor Erickson said she would like to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting to discuss a couple of issues. She will contact those on the committee to set up a date and time so agendas can be posted.

Chief Gault said the city has been awarded a grant from the Montana Board of Crime Control in the amount of \$29,305.00 to cover COVID-19 costs.

Council member Karst said an Ordinance Committee Meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Gault mentioned the department did interviews last Wednesday for the Victim Witness position and open police officer position; conditional offers have been given so he can start running a background check on them and once that is completed, he will come back to the council for approval to hire. He would also like a listing of the 1033 program equipment that has been sold so he can update his list.

Assistant Chief Edwards reported on the 126 calls for service in the past two (2) weeks.

Assistant Public Works Director Cook has added five (5) more projects to the curb and gutter program for a total of six (6); the contractor should be back to the area in October to get these completed. He has done an inventory of the shipping containers within the city limits and has started the weekly safety meetings again and hoping next month to get the safety committee working together again. He also reported that four (4) letters have been sent out regarding weedy lots.

DPW Kompel mentioned he has been working on the city's water protection plan which needs to be updated every two (2) years according to DEQ. He gave an update on the Water Improvement Project and the need to rehab a portion of the transmission main valve. Bob also updated the council on the new bulk water system that was installed. A press release will be put together to inform the public on this new system.

City Attorney Sullivan said she is going to research what we can do about the Street Sweeper since it's never worked properly since it's been purchased. The buy/sell agreement has been given to Rocky, but she hasn't heard anything back from him on it.

Council member Karst stated that City Clerk Amundson had put together a hand out on email options and can be put on the July 6th agenda and included in next years budget.

Public Comment: AJ Etherington inquired if the ballot issues had been discussed. Mayor Erickson went on to explain the process. Officer Nolan said that the patrolmen have come together and are working towards a "Big Brother" program to help bridge the gap between the youth and police and the misconceptions surrounding it.

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Young the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alicia Frueh
Utility Billing Clerk

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor