

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 2, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Carr, Koski, Nistler, and Ozark. Also present were Captain Edwards, Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd, and Grant Writer Stella Ryan. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Parker Rapp, Adam Johnson, and Amber Wagoner were also in attendance. Michelle Bigelbach was in attendance from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for May 2, 2022 in the amount of \$109,573.77, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,030.27, the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, and Resolution No. 3094 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Homeland Security Grant Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark opened the one bid received for the City of Glasgow's repurchase agreement from First Community Bank. They bid 0.10% above the U.S. Treasury Bill's 26-week maturity for June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Council member Ozark made a motion to take the bid under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Adam Johnson was in attendance to talk to the council about the water/sewer break outside of his home. He said that on March 14th he had heard constant water running, but couldn't figure out where it was coming from so on March 28th he had called Lee Riddick Plumbing and Heating and they came out on the 31st and figured the leak was on the outside of the house. On April 2nd they found the leak was coming from under the storm drain. The sewer line was encased in cement to support the storm drain that was 4' in diameter. The water line was under the storm drain as well and was smashed. They also realized that the sewer line from the house was not connected to the main. Adam did have Lee replace his sewer line since it was already dug up. Council member Ozark had mentioned that since we currently do not have a public works director, we will figure out how to get a claim submitted to MMIA. City Clerk Amundson stated that if the documentation is sent to her, she can get the claim started. It was also requested for her to put this on the next agenda so an update can be given.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the March 2022 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Parker Rapp introduced himself to the council and Captain Edwards stated that he has passed the background check and the department is waiting on his final evaluation. He said that after that is received the mayor can swear Parker in at the next council meeting. Council member Heitman made a motion to hire Parker Rapp for the open police officer position. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to reappoint Pete Helland and Jill Page to the Glasgow Recreation Department Board for another three (3) year term effective May 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion to hire Cushing Terrell for the Downtown Lighting Plan. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski. Mayor Karst mentioned there are some concerns with the lighting project at this time. He said that Northwestern Energy wouldn't take care of them if the city were to replace what is currently there, which would mean our city crew would have to. Council member Koski explained that this could be a five-year process, but to be able to proceed forward in the future, the city would have to have a plan in place and that is what this is for. Mayor Karst would like the Downtown Lighting committee to invite Northwestern Energy to any meetings regarding the plan design. Motion carried.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3093** – A Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 2008 – Authorizing and Directing the Director of Public Works to Place Traffic Control Devices at the Intersection of 2nd Avenue South and 5th Street South and the Intersection of 2nd Avenue South and 6th Street South and Repealing Resolution No. 3006 – Authorizing and Directing the Director of Public Works to Place Traffic Control Devices on the South Side of 2nd Avenue South. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3093**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. City Clerk Amundson explained what Resolution No. 3006 was for. In Resolution 2008 it placed the bus stop parking on the west side of the Western Drug building, and Resolution No. 3006 moved that parking spot from the side of the building to the front. She stated that when she had talked with Street Foreman Runningen, the bus stop by Western Drug was never installed. Motion carried.

Council member Ozark said that the Wage Compensation Committee met and would like to recommend increasing the health insurance payment from \$850.00 per month up to \$900.00 per month, since we have the permissive medical levy. Council member Carr made a motion to increase the health insurance payment up to \$900.00 per month for fiscal year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark recommended from the Wage Compensation Committee to adopt the 2022 federal wage matrix that includes a 2.2% wage increase with no bump in step. Council member Carr made a motion to adopt the 2022 federal wage matrix. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark reported at the last Wage Compensation Committee meeting that there was discussion to allow any returning employees employed before July 1, 2022 to be able to use prior years of service for the employee retention schedule. Council member Carr made a motion to allow prior years of service for the employee retention payment if they are employed before July 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Union Contract Acceptance Letter dated April 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst stated there will be a meeting tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. and City Attorney Sullivan is almost done with the ordinance that needs to be updated.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report.

Mayor Karst mentioned he would like the council to review the questions for the Public Works Director interview on Friday at 3:30 p.m. and if anyone would like changes or additional questions added, to let City Clerk Amundson know and she will make the changes before Friday. He also said that last weekend he was approached to see if the city would consider naming a street after the former Mayor Dan Carney. Council members Carr, Heitman, and Austin will meet and come back with a recommendation.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Cemetery or Ordinance. Council member Carr said he would like to have a personnel committee meeting. A water committee meeting will have to be set to discuss the bulk water rate and hydrant metering. Also, Council member Ozark wanted to know if the letter has been sent to the commissioners yet, Mayor Karst will follow up with City Attorney Sullivan. Stella said that the city was awarded the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$22,750.00 to purchase headsets for the officers, so you will see the PO on the next claims list. She has also submitted the grant application for mental health assistance for the officers if needed.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber told the council that the 120th Anniversary of the Glasgow Police Department is this year and they are going to have a barbeque and tour at the Armory on June 2nd from 5-7 p.m. The speed feed sign is installed and working; it is placed down by the Senior Center. Stella is also looking into a grant to purchase a generator for the building.

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd said everything is going well, one of the new hires started on Friday, they are working on a valve in Bundy Park, they will be working on putting in a storm drain/manhole by Scottie Car Wash, and the leak detection equipment will be here the end of this week.

Code Compliance Officer Dees stated he is working with DEQ on a junk lot in town and a complaint has been filed. He's be talking with GNDC about the Brownsfield grant and there is a meeting on May 20th to discuss this further. He's also mailed out abandoned house letters and working on more junk lots.

Public Comment: None

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor