

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 22, 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, Heitman, Nistler, Ozark, and Koski. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, Code Compliance Officer Dees, Street Foreman Runningen, Cemetery Caretaker Miller, Recreation Director Casterline, and Grant Writer Ryan. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was in attendance McKenzie Biglebach and Ann Kulczyk. DPW Skubinna, City Grant Writer Beyer, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets/Conference call. The media was represented by Michelle Biglebach from the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Nistler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$145,237.57, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,909.49, the minutes of the May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and **Resolution No. 3133** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Swim Pool Trust Fund for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from the Valley County Community Foundation, and **Resolution No. 3135** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Victim Assistant Program Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Valley County Community Foundation. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3134** – A Resolution Appointing A Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for a Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Cody Tarver. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3134**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3134** was unanimously adopted.

City Clerk Amundson reviewed the repurchase agreement bid summary for the council. She stated that Bank of Glasgow's current interest rate is 2.15%, Independence Bank was 3.675% on their business checking account and 3.11% on their Insured Cash Sweep account, they do also charge fees on their business checking account, and Opportunity Bank's interest rate is 4.85% and recommended to the council to go with the highest interest rate bid. Council member Koski made a motion to award the City of Glasgow's repurchase agreement for June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 to Opportunity Bank. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion accepting the swim pool committee's recommendation to award the pool construction project to Corland Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,787,578.78. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. Mayor Karst explained the after the bid opening the committee decided to go with a concrete tank with PVC liner. This bid does not include the remodel of the bathhouse, the committee is going to talk with local contractors to get bids to have that completed. The pool construction is estimated to be completed by May 2025. Motion carried.

There was discussion on an additional hiring incentive for the police department, they are recommending \$6,000.00. This would be for people who are already police officers and are certified. Captain Edwards mentioned when a new officer is hired for the department the cost of their wages and sending them to the academy cost around \$21,000.00. Council member Ozark mentioned there should be limitations set on this amount and a minimum year requirement. It was suggested to split this amount into two (2) payments and paid after each qualifying year. The council was in agreeance to this. Council member Ozark made a motion to pay the additional incentive to only those who have the qualifications of an officer that are hired, the incentive to be paid at the end of each qualifying year, and this hiring incentive ends in one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna mentioned the next meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. He gave an after-flood update and the paperwork that will be submitted to DES.

Mayor Karst stated that weed spraying has been done around the city. We are having issues getting summer help hired; there will be a wage comp committee following the council meeting to discuss this. Also, the cemetery is ready for Memorial Day and the Valley Court Apartment transfer paperwork has been signed and sent to the potential buyer.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or ordinance. 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. Grant Writer Ryan talked about the VWA Grant award and where they are at with the CAC grant appeal process.

Department Head Reports:

Street Foreman Runningen said the street sweeper has been working, Keegan will be coming back as summer help, and as soon as we receive cold mix they will return to fixing potholes.

Cemetery Caretaker Miller mentioned he had a funeral over the weekend.

Recreation Director Casterline told the council he is also having issues hiring summer help for his programs.

Chief Weber said that his department has been busy and he will be attending the appeal meeting at the Montana Board of Crime Control for the grant that was denied.

City Clerk Amundson said budget requests have been given to the department heads and are to be returned by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

DPW Skubinna updated the council on the sewer separation project. He will be submitting a request for funding to the Corps for repairs to the storm water outfall. His review of the SF330's is almost complete and he is working on the chain link fence bid packet for the recreation department.

Code Compliance Officer Dees stated that he is working on the curb and gutter program and talking to residents about their campers.

Public Comment: McKenzie Bigelbach wanted to know when the crosswalks will be painted so the cars will slow down.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

Stacey Amundson  
City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor