

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Austin, Koski, Ozark, Nistler, and Carr. DPW Skubinna and Chief Weber were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist and Madelyn House were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

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 September 3, 2024 in the amount of \$204,193.38, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$339.37, and the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst closed the regular meeting at 5:01 p.m. and opened the public hearing on the city's lights, streets, and garbage assessments. There was no one in attendance for or against the listed assessments.

The public hearing on the City of Glasgow's mill levy, permissive medical levy, and fiscal year 2024-2025 budget was held. There was no one in attendance for or against the city's fiscal year 2024-2025 mill levy, permissive medical levy or the fiscal year budget.

Mayor Karst then closed the public hearing and reopened the regular council meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3173** – A Resolution Levying Basic Assessment for Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Revoking Resolution No. 3138. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3173**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3173** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3174** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Maintenance and Electrical Power for Glasgow Lighting Districts No. 1 Through 29. To Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3174**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3174** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3175** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Annual Maintenance for The Glasgow Street Maintenance District to Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3175**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3175** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3176** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow City Council to Levy Additional Permissive Medical Levy Mills for Employer Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3176**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3176** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3177** – A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for the City of Glasgow, Montana, for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3177**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3177** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 986** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Official Code of the City of Glasgow (OCCG) Regarding Snow Removal Within the City Limits. Council member Ozark made a motion approving **Ordinance No. 986** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Ordinance No. 986** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 986** will become effective October 3, 2024.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 987** – An Ordinance Setting Forth the Establishment, Rules, and Regulations of the City of Glasgow Skate Park. Council member Ozark made a motion approving **Ordinance No. 987** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 987** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 987** will become effective October 3, 2024.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Skubinna said that he will be setting up a committee meeting sometime next week so they can review the draft of the SWIF plan and come up with recommendations for the city council. He would also like to get a copy to the Corps of Engineers for their comments.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel or cemetery. There will be a water committee meeting following the next council meeting. Chief Weber said the police department was awarded another round of funding

for the STEP program in the amount of around \$13,000.00. City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned City Attorney O'Brien is working on additional ordinances.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said his department has been busy and are enforcing the city's traffic laws. They will also start parking enforcement next week. There will be a deescalating training at the police department next week and there are around 50 officers signed up. He mentioned a fundraising idea that Officer Williams is working on. Other communities around the state have done it in the past. It's a hide-n-seek fundraiser usually held on Halloween night in one of the city parks. He had also asked the council if they are interested in blocking off both Bonnie and Aberdeen Street for Halloween again this year. He also mentioned doing the same for Heather Lane. He will put some information together and bring it back to the council.

City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she's been busy. She will also have a trial this week, but will have to do it via zoom since City Attorney O'Brien will be out of town. She won't be able to come to Glasgow this week, but will still be available via phone or email.

DPW Skubinna told the council that curb stop letters have been sent out to residents with non-working curb stops. The CCR water report has been uploaded on the city website and it talks about the city's water quality. He said that a letter has been sent to the Rundle about fixing their sidewalk. The chip seal project on Lasar will be done later this week. The stuck valve down by Whatley was worked on this week on the transmission main project and it now working. The water department will continue to work the valve to ensure it remains working. The skate park is under construction, and the downtown striping pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday this week at 10:30 am in the council chambers. He also mentioned filter maintenance at the water treatment plant is going to be scheduled and updated the council on the findings from the sewer cleaning that has been completed.

City Clerk Amundson said since the budget was adopted tonight, she will get the information to the county tomorrow, also, the full budget document uploaded on to the website, and uploaded to the state before October 1st.

There was no mayor's report.

Public Comment: Madelyn House said she was in attendance on behalf of the downtown association and she is wanting to put a meeting together to discuss the downtown trees. She would like to invite the mayor, one council member, possibly DPW Skubinna, Two Rivers, the Chamber, the beautification committee, and the downtown association. She also asked if the city had any plans to update the website because she feels it's extremely difficult to navigate. Council member Koski said that there are grants available through Rural Development to update websites. Council member Koski inquired on the timeframe of the sidewalk project. Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson the discussion that occurred between her and Code Compliance Officer Dees. She explained that if we were to advertise the project now our costs would be pretty high since it's the end of the season. She thinks that if we were to advertise it in January or February of next year, we could get a better cost and give us time to put all the bid documents together. There was discussion on whether or not to allow business owners to be in the program also. They also talked about the sidewalks leading up to peoples houses and that would not be applicable to this project. It's just the sidewalks that are in front of the houses in the public right-of-way. Council member Koski also reported on some of the comments she received back on the RFP for the city's mowing and weed eating of the parks.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor