

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 6, 2018

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Council President Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Schoenfelder, Carr, and Ozark. Council member Nistler was absent. Those also present were City Clerk Amundson, DPW Kompel, Sergeant Edwards, and City Attorney Helland. The media was represented by A.J. Etherington of the Glasgow Courier. Members of the public in attendance were Madelyn House, Melissa Lamson, Barbara Hanson, Alyce Tracy, Shirley & LeRoy Siefert, Donna & Diane Pankratz, Ken & Cil Borseth, Mary Fahlgren, John Fahlgren, Connie Borsen, Marc Wethern, Andy Fahlgren, Keirsten Wethern, James Walling, and Steve Cox.

Council President Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: A majority of the public in attendance were in support of Ordinance No. 959 – allowing chickens within the city limits. The reasons for support given were: knowing where your food comes from, their feces can be used as fertilizer, they are very social animals, and great for kids; especially those who can't have a dog or cat due to allergies. Chickens are a great 4-H project for all kids, they teach responsibility and help with mental health; they are a pet that gives back. One of the comments that were made it that the large cities like New York, Chicago, and LA allow chickens within city limits, we live in the Middle of Nowhere and it should become a part of who we are. Comments for those who were against chickens within the city limits were that they will draw additional flies, the amount a feces they can put out and if not cleaned daily can begin to smell awful. They can carry diseases such as the avian bird flu, and depending on the chemicals used to clean the coops, it could cause issues for the neighbors. Chickens are considered farm animals and should stay outside the city limits.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for August 6, 2018 in the amount of \$205,598.50, the Valley Court Apartment Claims in the amount of \$3,395.56, and the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council President Karst stated the bid opening for the sale of two lots along highway 2 will now be conducted. Two bids were received one from Dan Taylor in the amount of \$13,001.00 and one from Adam Hooper in the amount of \$12,500.00. Council member Ozark made a motion to take the highest bid under consideration. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the membership dues to Two Rivers Economic Growth in the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the new T&R Trucking contract payment for an annual amount of \$234,682.71. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously. This is about a \$2400.00 annual increase from last year.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion reappointing Khyler Wiseman to the Housing Authority Board for another two (2) year term effective August, 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

The Council reviewed Ordinance No. 958 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Ordinance No. 944 to Permit the Transportation and Delivery of Medical Marijuana from Outside Glasgow into Glasgow. Council President Karst inquired about the permit process; it didn't seem to be stated within the ordinance. Also, City Clerk Amundson said that she had spoke with Deb Lambert about the ordinance and she had some concerns that it was so open ended and would allow just anyone to deliver. Council member Ozark moved to table Ordinance No. 958 until the said modifications could be made and the Ordinance Committee can review it again. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

The Council then reviewed Ordinance No. 959 – An Ordinance Allowing Chickens within the City Limits of Glasgow and the Rules for Permitting. (See actual Ordinance for full title) The council discussed if this issue should be included on the 2019 election ballot or to move forward with first reading at the August 20th regular council meeting. Madelyn House thought the permit was going to be a one-time permit, and in the ordinance, it mentions the owner must obtain an annual permit from the city. Council member Karst looked back on the notes and the committee

decided an annual permit would be better. Number 4 in the ordinance needs to be adjusted to say that “no coop should be located closer than 10 feet from any inhabited dwelling that is not the owners”, and Number 3’s height restriction needs to be changed from 12 feet to 8 feet. Council member Schoenfelder made a motion to allow Ordinance No. 959 go to first reading after the small revisions are completed. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

The next ordinance reviewed was No. 960 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Authorizing Officers of the Glasgow Police Department to Arrest Persons Committing Crimes within City Limits, to Arrest Persons Committing Crimes within Five Miles of City Limits, and to Arrest Persons Committing Crimes Along the Line of Water Supply for the City of Glasgow. Currently, the jurisdiction for the Glasgow Police Departments ends at the City Limits of Glasgow, this ordinance would expand that. Council Member Ozark was concerned about an officer taking advantage of this ordinance and misusing it. Sergeant Edwards told the council that a policy will be written for the Police Department to make sure that does not happen. Council member Schoenfelder made a motion allowing Ordinance No. 960 to go to first reading pending the policy written from Sergeant Edwards. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark approved closing the Farm Home Account at Valley Bank and to deposit those said funds into the CDBG Account at Valley Bank. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel mentioned there is no report at this time, but a meeting will be scheduled soon.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – The walk through for the next 3 projects were completed on August 1st.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Grant, Ordinance, or Water. Council member Carr mentioned a tour of the cemetery was completed last week of the improvements that are being made.

Department Head Reports:

Sergeant Edwards said the department’s been busy, the fair was quiet, and they are looking for other alternatives to the MPO position.

DPW Kompel told the council that the Street Department is working on hot mix repairs, durapatching, and the street sweeping, since it’s back up and running again. For the water department: Darryl has given his resignation and will be done at the end of this month and they have been working on a couple of water breaks. He has been working on measuring the sidewalks for the program, irrigation numbers for Sullivan Park, and said that Century is almost done with their paving project.

City Attorney Helland said he will work on making the changes to the Chicken and delivery of Medical Marijuana within the City Limits.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she hasn’t received the Taxable Valuation from the County yet, but as soon as she gets that, she would like to start budget meetings.

Council President Karst talked about people that are driving on the levee and a barrier should be installed so this doesn’t continue.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Council President