

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Ozark, Nistler, Karst, Koski, and Carr. Those also present were Acting Chief Edwards, DPW Kompel, Fire Chief Brunelle, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson attended via conference call. Smiley Johnson, Rob Brunelle, Lance Kolstad, Dennis Garsjo, John Fontaine, Jeff Knodel, Scott Fossum, Neil Chouinard, Sam Waters, and Brian Austin were also in attendance. The media was represented by Chris McDaniel from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Mayor Erickson allowed Rob Brunelle to speak on behalf of the Fire Relief Association. Rob explained the associations' function, how it is funded by tax levies, money from the state, and interest earned on the Edward Jones account and the Montana Code that explains how the fund is supposed to be soundly funded. He also talked about why he was there this evening requesting additional funding for the associations retired fireman's annual pension checks. He would like the council to consider additional funding towards the association before the budget is adopted later in the meeting.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda, the payment of claims for September 7, 2021 in the amount of \$153,134.78, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,917.00, and the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson closed the regular council meeting at 4:43 p.m. and opened the public hearing on the city's lights, streets, and garbage assessments for fiscal year 2021-2022. Lance Kolstad was in attendance to talk to the council about a street light that is overly bright behind his house at 803 10th Avenue North. Mayor Erickson asked DPW Kompel to follow up on it. Mayor Erickson then closed the public hearing at 4:46 p.m.

Mayor Erickson then opened the public hearing on the City of Glasgow's Mill Levy, Permissive Medical Levy, and the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget at 4:46 p.m. There were no public comments during the public hearing. Mayor Erickson then closed the public hearing and opened the regular council meeting.

Council member Ozark made a motion to levy 286.80 mills in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, with six (6) of these mills being allocated to the Fire Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion to levy 3.56 mills for the Permissive Medical Levy. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3075** – A Resolution Levying Basic Assessment for Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Revoking Resolution No. 3043. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3075**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3075** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3076** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Annual Maintenance for the Glasgow Street Maintenance District to Defray the Costs For Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3076**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3076** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption of **Resolution No. 3077** – 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 2021-2022. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3077**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3077** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3078** – A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for the City of Glasgow, Montana, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3078** and to add an additional \$29,000.00 to the fire relief fund above the allocated six (6) mills from the general fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3078** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3079** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow City Council to Levy Additional Permissive Medical Levy for Employer Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3079**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3079** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3080** – A Resolution Appointing A Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department Following Completion of Probation – Ty Gerth. Council member Heitman moved

for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3080**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3080** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 977** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Glasgow’s Nuisances Code to Address the Abatement of Blighted, Dangerous, Abandoned and/or Public Nuisance Buildings, Structures, and Properties. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 977** at second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 977** was unanimously adopted at second reading. **Ordinance No. 977** will become effective October 7, 2021.

Council member Koski made a motion appointing Jack Medlicott to the Housing Authority Board to fill the remaining term of Lisa Koski until September 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion to purchase Municode online to host the City of Glasgow’s Ordinances for an annual cost of \$275.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel said a levee inspection will be held in about two (2) weeks.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report.

Mayor Erickson updated the council on the Underpass Project and mentioned another interview for the open Police Chief position will be held on Wednesday.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Acting Chief Edwards mentioned Kathy is concerned about the swim pool grant that will be expiring in 2023. There was discussion on constructing an ordinance to address the recreational marijuana and dispensaries. City Attorney Sullivan talked about revenues that could be received from the sales of marijuana. City Clerk Amundson will email Kelly at the Montana League of Cities and Towns and see if they have an ordinance template we could modify. A meeting will be set soon.

Department Head Reports:

City Attorney Sullivan stated she has been working on case management, coordinating with the new Judge Tasha Morehouse-Mix on procedure, and conducted a trial last week where we obtained a successful conviction".

Acting Chief Edwards stated that interviews are being conducted to fill the open police officer position and Evidence Tech position.

DPW Kompel handed out the 2021 Street Project breakdown sheet for the council to review, the cost of the paving project this year was \$251,504.00 and the city was able to do 3 blocks of 10th Street South, a ½ block of 5th Avenue South and a portion of Kolstad Drive. He also handed out a letter received from the DEQ Sanitary Survey Inspection of the city’s water supply system. There were no significant deficiencies found during the inspection.

Fire Chief Brunelle thanked the council for listening to and resolving the fire relief associations concerns. He also mentioned that the new fire engine is almost ready to be put into service. The company it was purchased from put around \$80,000.00 in repairs into the truck and worked well with the fire department during this process.

Council member Carr suggested public education and outreach on Ordinance No. 977 that passed at tonight’s meeting.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor