

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- OCTOBER 16, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Nistler, Koski, Ozark, Heitman, and Carr. Also present were DPW Skubinna and Recreation Director Casterline. Candy Lagerquist, Dan Taylor, Katie Knierm, Nick Dirkes, Dave Nixdorf, Maggan Walstad and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, Chief Weber, City Grant Writer Beyers, and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Koski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for October 16, 2023 in the amount of \$94,128.36, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$847.74, and the minutes of the October 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the financials for July 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3147** – A Resolution Calling for Bids for the Sale of the City of Glasgow’s Water Departments 1985 Sewer Jetter. Council member Austin made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 3147** with a minimum bid price of \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3147** was unanimously adopted.

Dan Taylor was in attendance to talk to the council about the storage container ordinance. He has some he would like to sell and he has heard that they are allowed in the city limits and then he has heard they are not allowed. The ordinance is not clear. Mayor Karst reviewed the minutes of the previous ordinance committee meetings and it was decided at those meetings that any storage container placed after November 2019 is not in compliance with the current ordinance. City Attorney Pekovitch stated that if the council does not want them placed within the city limits, the ordinance needs to state that they are prohibited. The way the current ordinance is written is not clear. This ordinance will go back to the ordinance committee for review and changes.

Nick Dirkes the CEO at FMDH was in attendance to ask the council if they would consider selling a portion of Hoyt Park to them so they can expand the hospital to be able to bring in additional services. Since the hospital is near the levy they can’t expand behind the building and if they want to expand on the front, they will lose substantial parking spaces. The hospital paid to have the land appraised and they brought an opening offer of \$450,000.00 for the city to be able to use the money how they see fit. They would also like to abandon a portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South between the hospital and Hoyt Park. Mayor Karst appointed DPW Skubinna, Council members Heitman, Koski, and Carr, along with himself to work with the hospital and bring recommendations back to the council for their approval.

Chief Weber told the council that he had posted the closure of both Bonnie and Aberdeen Street for Halloween on social media and there were approximately 100 comments of which 2 of them were against the closure of the streets. Council member Nistler made a motion to close Bonnie, Aberdeen, and a portion of Cloud Street from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween night. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. The council members agreed to try this for one year to see how it will work. Chief Weber stated he will draw up a traffic plan for that night. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion approving Mayor Karst to sign the CDBG Planning Grant application for updating the SWIF plan for the levee. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst appointed Council members Ozark, Austin, and Nistler along with himself to review the requests for proposals received for auditing services. City Clerk Amundson said that the proposals are due on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October by 5:00 p.m. and she will also have a scoring sheet for them.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated quarterly meeting will be held this Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. FEMA, DNRC, the local members, and Great West Engineering will be in attendance.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, ordinance, or cemetery. City Grant Writer Beyers mentioned the city was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant from Theo & Alyce Beck for the swim pool. She was contacted by the Chamber to submit a CDBG planning grant for the downtown lighting plan, but since the city can only submit one application to CDBG for a planning grant, she will wait for the next cycle of funding to submit the application. The MCEP cycle will be opening soon and she will submit a grant application up to \$40,000.00 for a CIP planning grant. She will also be submitting a grant application to the Gianforte Family Foundation for the swim pool construction. She talked with Recreation Director Casterline about Sullivan Park funding that is needed, so she will be researching funding opportunities to apply for.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna mentioned there have be numerous water breaks the last couple of weeks, asphalt patching is being done, levee gate maintenance has been completed, and they had an inspection at the lagoon.

Chief Weber said his department has been busy. They still haven't received any applications for the open officer positions, but there has been more interest.

Mayor Karst mentioned within the next month or so, the BNSF buildings along the railroad tracks will be demolished.

Public Comment: Candy inquired on when the downtown parking committee meeting will be held. Mayor Karst said it is scheduled for Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor