

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 3, 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, and Heitman. Council member Koski attended via Google Meets. Council members Ozark and Nistler were absent. Also present were Chief Weber, DPW Skubinna, and City Grant Writer Byers. Dain Christensen, Dylan Linder, and Conner Koski were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for January 3, 2023 in the amount of \$74,727.24 the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$4,672.70, and the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the recommendation from Chief Weber on updating the original recommendation from the Hiring Incentive Committee on hiring and completion of probation bonuses. The initial recommendation was to have \$1,000.00 bonuses in increments and the updated amount would be \$2,000.00 when sworn in and the second \$2,000.00 upon completion of probation. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. Chief Weber stated that he would also like this included in the police officers' contract that if the employee leaves before a three-year period the bonuses would have to be paid back to the city. He will review the current contract with City Attorney Pekovitch and make any amendments that are needed. Motion carried.

Council member Austin made a motion allowing the city-county library to continue with the purchase of the land behind their building with the exception of the judgement that will be paid at closing. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Mayor Karst said that according to City Attorney Pekovitch's memo to the council, she was ok with the library moving forward. Motion carried.

City Grant Writer Byers was in attendance to discuss the Transportation Alternative Grant Program with the council. She stated this grant provides funding for a variety of small-scale projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, construction of turnouts, historic preservation, recreational trails, and safe routes to school projects. DPW Skubinna had given her a listing of potential projects including improving the trail from Meadow and Robertson Courts to the Irlle School with ADA compliance upgrades, raise and convert abandoned railroad grade from railroad alley to US 2 into a paved walking trail connecting back to the sidewalks at Ezzies Westend, potential match funding for Sullivan Park pond with ADA upgrades and tie into the current trail network, fill in missing sidewalks between Lasar and Ayr to the middle school, ADA compliant crossing at US 2 and 6<sup>th</sup> Street South and by Reynolds. She also discussed the match with this program. She will work with DPW Skubinna and bring additional information back to the next council meeting.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – There is no report at this time.

Mayor Karst recapped the department head meeting that was held last Friday. He talked about the grave warmer for the cemetery, the discussion on a possible skate park, and snow removal.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Cemetery or Water. There will be a personnel committee meeting tonight after the council meeting. City Grant Writer Byers said the city was not awarded the CDBG grant to go towards constructing a Capital Improvements Plan. She did submit a grant application for the swimming pool to the Theo and Alyce Beck Foundation. City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she had a couple different recreational marijuana ordinances that she is going to review and put together one that will fit the city.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber mentioned he will be working on updating the police officer contract with the assistance of the City Attorney. The police department will be switching to Numont for cell phone service. There will be a training for Probation and Parole held at the Police Department on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He also told the council that he had been nominated to attend the FBI Command School in Utah during the month of July.

DPW Skubinna told the council that there is a leaking hydrant down by Francis Street that the water department is monitoring. The Marco waterline project is moving along, they drained the line and will be doing the tie in on Wednesday this week.

City Clerk Amundson stated the audit should be completed in the next couple of weeks, she has a conference call with USDA Rural Development on Thursday regarding the transfer of the apartments, and is working on information that DPW Skubinna has requested.

Public Comment: Council member Koski mentioned there will be a grant seminar put on by USDA Rural Development on January 18 from 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and is free to chamber members. She will email out the flyer tomorrow.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor