

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Koski, Heitman, Austin, Ozark, and Carr. Council member Nistler was absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna, Chief Weber, and Captain Edwards. Candy Lagerquist, Bob Teskey Joy Guttenberg, and Patricia Page were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney O'Brien 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 February 5, 2024 in the amount of \$146,978.44, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,338.57, and the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated the bid opening for lots 3 and 4, Block 004, Mahon Original Townsite will now be conducted. Council member Ozark said 1 bid has been received. The bid was from Bob Teskey in the amount of \$15,250.00, contingent on all the back taxes have been paid. Mayor Karst said a call had been made to the County Attorney and the commissioners had agreed to remove the back taxes since the city was going to take the property over and demolish the existing building on the property. The documentation for the property tax write off, did not get transferred to the Treasurer's office, but is being taken care of. Council member Carr made a motion awarding the bid to Bob Teskey in the amount of \$15,250.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3155** – A Resolution Calling for An Election of the Question of Conducting a Local Government Review and Providing for A Study Commission. City Clerk Amundson explained that this is a requirement to pass to be put on the June primary election ballot and is done every 10 years. If it's approved, then a study commission will have to be either elected or appointed. If it's not approved, another resolution gets passed in 10 years. Council member Ozark stated the last local governmental review for Glasgow and Valley County was done about 20 years ago. The city study commission ended up taking no action and the County study commission agreed to remove the partisan parties for elected officials. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3155**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, whereby **Resolution No. 3155** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the annual dues to Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) in the amount of \$3,192.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark told the council what the proposal was to the union at the last wage comp committee meeting: a three-year contract. For fiscal year 2023-2024 using the 2023 Federal Wage Scale at 4.1% plus \$100.00 per month insurance increase. For fiscal year 2024-2025 a 4.5% increase and no increase on insurance and for fiscal year 2025-2026 a 4.5% increase and \$100.00 increase on insurance. Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the wage comp committee recommendation on the union contract. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Glasgow and Teamsters Local Union No. 2. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for water, cemetery, or grant. A personnel committee meeting will be held following this council meeting. City Attorney O'Brien said the ordinances are being worked on and hopefully completed at the end of this week; then an ordinance committee meeting can be set up.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna told the council that the city has been awarded the CDBG Grant to update the SWIF plan for the levee in the amount of around \$49,000.00. He received a letter from the Corps and they are requesting a list of projects that have been completed on the levee to be compliant with the city's current SWIF plan. The pre-construction meeting for the transmission main project will be held on February 15th. A Levee committee meeting will be coming up this month; he wasn't sure if it would be next week, or the last week in February.

Chief Weber said that his department has been working on training the two new officers, they will be having another hiring process coming up and they also received one application for the open Victim Witness Advocate position, so they will be doing an interview for that.

Mayor Karst updated those in attendance on all the issues we have been having with the Valley Court Apartments and water lines that broke. He said he is working on a letter to USDA Rural Development to see if it's possible for the city to no longer own them.

Public Comment: Bob Teskey inquired if it was possible to post a street sweeping schedule on the city's website, the courier, or the BS Buzz. DPW Skubinna said he will look into it. Joy Guttenberg said it was good to see a police presence back at the hockey games.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor