

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- OCTOBER 3, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Koski, Ozark, and Carr. Council member Nistler was absent. Also present were Code Compliance Officer Dees, Fire Chief Brunelle, and DPW Skubinna. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google meets. Terri Meche from the Valley County Health Department, Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Dillon Koski and Dain Christensen were also in attendance. 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 Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for October 3, 2022 in the amount of \$161,558.26, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,538.98, the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, **Resolution No. 3116** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Bulletproof Vest Program for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, and **Resolution No. 3117** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA). The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Terri Meche from the Valley County Health Department was in attendance to provide the city council with information on the tobacco program they have. She has been with the department for four (4) years. She also goes to the schools for tobacco education. She talked about the different types of vapes that are out there and how kids under the age of 18 seem to acquire them. She left additional information for the council to take with them.

Dillion Koski was in attendance to talk to the council about the city possibly taking over the fireworks. He said that he has been assisting with the fireworks show the last five years and his explosive license expired and he is not renewing it. As of right now, nobody is interested in taking it over. The volunteers for the fundraising efforts are diminishing. He mentioned that his fireworks provider is easy to work with and can also get an insurance policy for liability coverage. Discussion continued on this subject, but no final decision was made.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Amended Plat of Lots 12 and 13, Block 47, Original Townsite, Valley County, MT for Mike Brown. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – The inspection of the levee was completed on the 27th and we are just waiting on the final report. Also, there will be a meeting on the 11th of October.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

Mayor Karst reported that it was Ashleigh Beyers that had called in on Google Meets. He did relay that she said MRWS will be the ones assisting us with the rate study and there is no cost to the city for it. They are available on November 2nd to start on it. She would like the City Clerk, DPW, and the mayor to attend that day if they are available.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Water, Grant or Cemetery. There will be a personnel committee meeting after the council meeting. Council member Koski reported on the last ordinance committee meeting. They discussed allowing two (2) recreational marijuana businesses within the city limits and that they are continuing to work on the decay ordinance.

Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brunelle said that Fire Prevention week starts next week and they will have classes at the firehall and will visit the schools.

Code Compliance Officer Dees stated he received a verbal asbestos report on the swimming pool and there is some around the windows at the swimming pool. He also mentioned that John Kulczyk is certified to do the abatement on it. Also, the JC Building needs to be abated. If the city were to own the building and property, the Brownsfield grant would cover the cost of it. If the current property owner were to have it done, it would be around \$70,000.00. He told the council that another house has been demoed, a resident has been moved out of Valley Court, and we still need to address the Schott Lane property.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering has received the approval from DEQ on the sanitary sewer for the pool and he is still waiting to hear back from DPHHS on the new swim pool construction plans.

Public Comment: Dain Christensen was in attendance to talk to the council about the library purchasing the piece of property behind the building. He requested this to be on the next agenda. City Attorney Pekovitch requested his phone number so they can discuss this further and she can give her recommendation to the council on the purchase.

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor