

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 7, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Ozark, and Carr. Council member Nistler attended via conference call. Council member Koski was absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna and City Attorney Pekovitch. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Candy Lagerquist Tess Fahlgren, Emiliana Flannigan, Marcella Flannigan, David Flannigan, Tom Boyer, Janice Swanson, Randon Stormer, Mark Berger, Matt Austin, Travis Young, and John Kulczyk were also in attendance. Jeff Ashley of Morrison Maierle, Inc. and City Clerk Amundson 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: There was no Public Comment.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 7, 2023 in the amount of \$499,133.38, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,038.30, and the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst closed the regular council meeting to conduct the public hearing on the city's solid waste collection rate increase. City Clerk Amundson explained that the publication for the hearing was published for two weeks and if anyone in attendance has any comments either for or against the increase, they have the opportunity at this time. There was no one in attendance for or against the increase. Mayor Karst reopened the regular council meeting.

Tess Fahlgren was in attendance to thank those on the council who were able to attend the skate park location tour. She mentioned that the skate committee would be willing to volunteer to fundraise for a new play area and to remove the current playground equipment and update the shelter and repaint it. She also stated that the hospital has donated \$30,000.00 towards the new skate park, bringing their total up to \$112,000.00. She had talked with some of the neighbors that are adjacent to Bundy Park and they were ok with having a skate park located at Bundy. Tom Boyer voiced his approval of the location of the skate park. Janice Swanson said that she lives near Bundy Park and no one had come to talk to her about it. She is not in favor of the skate park being located in Bundy; parks should be grass, trees, and playground equipment. Mayor Karst told those in attendance that there will be public meetings on the proposed location before the council makes a final decision.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3137** – A Resolution Revising the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget for the Valley Court Apartments Fund. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3137**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3137** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Extension #28 to letter agreement between Montana Aviation Research Company (Marco) and the City of Glasgow. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the GIS Consulting Services contract between the City of Glasgow and Midwest Assistance Program, Inc. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving City Attorney Pekovitch's contract for a two (2) year period. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion appointing Kathy Smith to the City-County Library Board for a five (5) year period effective August 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion appointing Lucas Locke to fill the remaining term of Jack Medlicott on the Housing Authority Board until September 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the Amended Plat of Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8, Hoffman's Addition to the City of Glasgow, Valley County, MT for Curtis J and Rene S. Clampitt. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the amendment to the agreement between the City of Glasgow and Morrison-Maierle, Inc. The sewer separation project ran 23 days longer than initially anticipated, due to difficult field conditions, which resulted in additional engineering fees. Council member Heitman made a motion approving the Amendment No 1 to the standard agreement between the City of Glasgow and Morrison-Maierle, Inc in the amount of \$17,700.00 for the sewer separation project. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving to pay \$4,200.00 to Bureau Veritas to update the Valley Court Capital Needs assessment for the transfer of the Valley Court Apartments out of the general fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. City Clerk Amundson stated that after taking with USDA Rural Development project funds can't be used to update the CNA since it's needed for the transfer. Motion carried.

Council member Heitman made a motion to table the approval of right-of-way abandonment of a portion of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North for the use of a drive thru. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated that the next Levee Committee meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and it will only be with the local committee members.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or grant. An ordinance committee meeting was set for August 21, 2023 following the regular council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna told the council the Cyvl AI data has been gathered and uploaded into the GIS software. He will start working on a paving project from this information. The sewer separation project is at substantial completion and there are a few punch list items that will need to be completed. There was a water break on Aberdeen today that the water department has been working on fixing.

City Attorney Pekovitch has been working with Code Compliance Officer Dees on ordinance compliance issues and is working on changing the cemetery deeds when lots are sold back to the city.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she would like to start budget meetings next week on Monday and Tuesday. She's been working on year end financials and fine tuning the budgets.

There was no Mayor's report.

Public Comment: Candy Lagerquist was in attendance to inquire on the status of the diagonal parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. She mentioned that the city could save money on signage if they would allow forward facing diagonal parking instead of back in diagonal parking. Council member Ozark would like this item on the next agenda for further discussion. John Kulczyk was in attendance to ask about his property issue. Mayor Karst said that he had been taken off the agenda since he wasn't in attendance for the last three (3) meetings, but will put him on the next agenda to discuss this. Kaden Bedwell commented on the 80' distance from an intersection on the recreational vehicle parking ordinance. He wanted to know how that distance was figured. DPW Skubinna stated that it was a starting point. The ordinance committee will be meeting on this ordinance again to fine tune it. Mayor Karst said that there will be public meetings on this ordinance before it comes to council for first and second readings.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

Stacey Amundson  
City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst  
Mayor