

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Nistler, Koski, Ozark, and Carr. Also present were Chief Weber, Officer Norman Dick, and Grant Writer Ryan. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Candy Lagerquist, Cole Stutheit, and Mary Beth Gavin from Americorps 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: There was no Public Comment.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for September 11, 2023 in the amount of \$218,164.90, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,952.85 and the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst closed the regular council meeting to conduct the public hearing on the city's lights, streets, garbage assessments, the fiscal year 2023-2024 mill levy, permissive medical levy, and the budget. There were no comments made for or against the above-mentioned items. Mayor Karst then closed the public hearing and reopened the regular council meeting.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3138** – A Resolution Levying Basic Assessment for Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Revoking Resolution No. 3108. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3138**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3138** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3139** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Maintenance and Electrical Power for Glasgow Lighting Districts No. 1 through 29, to Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3139**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3139** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3140** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Annual Maintenance for the Glasgow Street Maintenance District to Defray the Costs of Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3140**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3140** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3141** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow City Council to Levy Additional Permissive Medical Levy Mills for Employer Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3141**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3141** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3142** – A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3142**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3142** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3143** – A Resolution Declaring a Disaster Due to Flooding. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3143**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler. Mayor Karst stated the city will not qualify to receive federal and/or state assistance for flood repairs; so, the city doesn't need to adopt **Resolution No. 3143**. All council members voted against Resolution No. 3143.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3144** – A Resolution Levying a Special Assessment for Unpaid Nuisance Weed Cutting and/or Removal for the year 2023. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3144**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3144** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the advertisement for the request for proposals for auditing services for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski. Mayor Karst said that this is the last year our current auditor will be doing the city's audit. City Clerk Amundson would like to publish early to hopefully find a new auditor in a timely manner. Motion carried.

Council member Ozark said that he wasn't in agreeance with the wage comp committee's recommendation to pay the police officers the same longevity that the rest of the city employees receive; since he wasn't at the meeting, he will still approve it. Council member Carr said he was pleased on how quickly police negotiations went this year.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the police department's collective bargaining agreement for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

The approval of the right-of-way abandonment of a portion of 13th Avenue North for the use of a drive through was tabled until the next council meeting. Council member Austin said that he did have the survey completed and talked with the surrounding neighbors. City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned that an easement for the portion of right-of-way is another option for this portion of the street. She will discuss this option with DPW Skubinna.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst said the committee met last Thursday and they are continuing to review the SWIFT plan. Also, Council member Heitman will replace Council member Nistler on the Levee committee.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. Grant Writer Ryan reported that the police department has been awarded a \$10,000.00 grant for vision zero that will begin on October 1 and they are waiting on the official award announcement for a VAWA grant in the amount of \$38,000.00, which will supplement a portion of the victim witness advocate's wages. Mayor Karst said an ordinance committee meeting should be set up to review the storage container ordinance.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said that his department has been busy and he has promoted Officer Dick to Sergeant which become effective tomorrow.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Office for Officer Dick's promotion.

City Attorney Pekovitch stated the Pankratz lot will be taken care of.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she will remove the 2-mill levy from the final budget and have it uploaded to the state by October 1st, when it is due. She also contacted Beki Brandborg on the Valley Court Apartments and she is waiting to hear back.

Mayor Karst would like a directive from the council on who should be responsible for pulling the weeds around the downtown trees. The council's consensus was the street department can pull weeds as they are watering. He would also like to appoint a committee to discuss the downtown parking. Colleen Pankratz from Valley County Transit had some concerns on places for the buses to pull into and park. The committee will consist of Street Foreman Runningen, DPW Skubinna, Council members Koski and Carr, Colleen Pankratz, and John Bach from Interstate Engineering.

Public Comment: Council member Koski inquired if it was possible to combine the Parks and Recreation Department. She stated that most of the communities have a parks and recreation department. Mayor Karst said this issue was brought up approximately 10 years ago and nothing was ever decided on it. He would like a committee of Council members Ozark, Nistler, and Koski, DPW Skubinna, and himself.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor