

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 7, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Karst and Young. Council members Ozark, Nistler, and Heitman attended via conference call. Council member Carr was absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, Captain Edwards, and Assistant City Clerk Frueh, Jeff Ashley and Neil Levang from Morrison-Maierle, Inc, Haylie Shipp, Steven Hamilton, and Thomas Culver and Josiah Porsel from Tester's Office were also in attendance. Chris McDaniel representing the Glasgow Courier was in attendance.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Karst made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 7, 2021 in the amount of \$120,000.25, with the removal of the two claims, one to Pat Knierim and one to Neubauer Farms that should have been paid out of the Park Beautification Fund, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,565.10, the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the minutes of the May 24, 2021 Rescheduled Council Meeting, Resolution No. 3067 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the City-County Library Fund for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from A Donation and Resolution No. 3068 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Glasgow Police Department for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Stone Garden Program. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson stated we will now conduct the bid opening for the city's gas and fuel for fiscal year 2021-2022. One bid was received from Ezzie's Wholesale; No 1 Diesel (red), rack price 2.6231 with add on \$.20 for a total per gallon \$2.8231, No 2 Diesel (red), rack price \$2.2696 with add on \$.20 for a total per gallon \$2.4696, Unleaded rack price \$2.06 with add on \$.53 for a total of \$2.59 per gallon. Council member Karst made a motion to take the bid under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion approving the April 2021 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Haylie Shipp was in attendance to update the council on the Downtown Association and how they are moving forward on some of the short term goals. The Alive at 5 series is set to start next week. She mentioned they have approximately \$14,000.00 in the bank and \$10,000.00 is ear marked for updating the lights downtown. She also asked the council to keep an eye out for any historic grants that may be available for downtown revitalization.

Council member Young made a motion approving the City Judge Contract from June 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

DPW Kompel mentioned he would like to open the Code Compliance Officer position for three (3) weeks and advertise locally, at Job Service, and on some government head hunter websites. Council member Young made a motion to open the Code Compliance Officer Position for three (3) weeks. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Jeff Ashley from Morrison-Maierle gave a report on the PER and the alternatives for the project. The pipe material Alternative A3 is PVC material, the only reasonable river crossing construction method is Alternative B3 which is the directional drilling method, and for the pipe alignments is to go with Alternative C1 and run parallel instead of rerouting the transmission main. He also reviewed the two different construction options, the first would be a phased replacement of the transmission main which would have a total cost of \$12,300,000.00 and construction period of over 7-8 years. The second option would be to do the entire project at once with a project cost of about \$10,010,000.00 and beginning in 2022 with engineering and permitting, and construction in 2023 and 2024.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3065** – A Resolution to Accept the Water System Preliminary Engineering Report. Council member Young moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3065**. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst; whereby **Resolution No. 3065** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3066** – A Resolution to Authorize Applications to Obtain Financial Assistance for the City of Glasgow's Water System Improvements Recommended in the 2021 Preliminary Engineering Report. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3066**. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Resolution No. 3066** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Young made a motion allowing Captain Edwards to extend his excess vacation until August 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion approving the Animal Shelter Contract for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 between the City of Glasgow and Valley Vision Paints. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson stated that the health insurance rate will remain the same as last fiscal year at \$833.00 per month. The current employee capped amount is \$787.00 and the Police Department capped amount is \$725.00. Council member Nistler made a motion to leave the health insurance capped at the current amounts for the upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson believes that the discussion and decision to advertise for the Chief of Police position should be a full council decision and how they would like to proceed forward. Mayor Erickson then called on Captain Edwards for a report. Captain Edwards explained that there are a few different options they may want to look at. One option is to hire a Chief, another is to hire a Command Staff Member, and final option would be to hire a patrolman. A work session has been scheduled to discuss this in further detail on Wednesday June 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Council member Young reported on the Policy and Procedure committee meeting from last month on allowing employees to deposit excess sick leave over 300 or 350 hours into their deferred comp account. They would only be depositing \$.25 on the \$1.00. Employees who have requested to put their additional sick leave into deferred comp will not be allowed to ask for donated sick leave if they use up their bank of sick leave. Council member Young made a motion to allow employees to deposit their excess sick leave over 300 hours into their deferred comp account. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson talked about the free landfill drop off days. She would like to have two (2) days instead of one (1). She suggested the 12th and 19th of June. She thinks that having two days available will assist people in cleaning up their yards. Council member Young made a motion to offer June 12th and 19th as free landfill drop off days. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion to have a Yard of the Week this year. The motion was seconded by Council member Young. Council member Nistler voted against; motion carried.

Mayor Erickson stated Council member Young is resigning from the City Council since he has moved out of his ward. She thanked him for his time on the council and attending meetings.

Mayor Erickson would like to start accepting applications for the next two (2) weeks to fill the remaining term of Council member Young until 12/31/2023 in Ward 1.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel reported that they met with DNRC last week and the Corps called in. They are still working on the Flood Plain Mapping project and it looked like a small area of our levee is lower than it should be and hopefully we can get assistance to get it where it needs to be.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

Mayor Erickson reported that Beki Brandbord was declined on the funding for the Valley Court Apartments and she is looking into some other funding options. The move to the Armory will be tomorrow. Joe Herbold's appraisal came back at \$300,000.00, but the city will borrow the \$320,000.00 to do a portion of the upgrades to the building. The utilities are being switched over and we have a no cost contract in place until the sale is final. She also stated that on Friday of last week she withdrew from the filing of running for Mayor.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Captain Edwards reported on the VOCA grant. We should find out how much we will be funded next week. DPW Kompel reported on the Ordinance Committee meeting that was held before the council meeting. A draft ordinance to address blighted structures and abandoned buildings will be constructed under nuisances and brought back to the ordinance committee for review.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards reviewed the calls for services for the past two (2) weeks. He also talked about the move to the Armory.

DPW Kompel told the council that a small amount of patching is being done around town. There are about 17 spots that are being worked on from water and gas repairs. The sewer main replacement project is wrapping up this week. The signs for the motor bike area will be in this week and then the street department will get them installed.

Council member Heitman reported on a house fire that happened last week.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Karst made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alicia Frueh
Assistant City Clerk

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor