

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 3, 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, and Koski. Council member Ozark called in and left the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Council member Carr arrived at 5:13 p.m. Council member Nistler was absent. Also present were Chief Weber and DPW Skubinna. Candy Lagerquist, Tess Fahlgren, Randon Stormer, Mark Berger, Matt Austin, and Travis Young were also in attendance. City Attorney Pekovitch, 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.

Mayor Karst mentioned the action items will come after the presentation from Tess Fahlgren on the Skate Park options.

Tess Fahlgren was in attendance to talk to the council on a couple of options for the Skate Park. She said that their funding goal is \$300,000.00 and currently have \$50,000.00; they are still working on grants to apply for and are hoping to build by next summer. She talked about Evergreen which is the company that would construct the park. Evergreen told the committee about parameters they look for which include shade, water, bathrooms, and existing parking. The committee would like to build something comparable to Lewistown's skate park. She told the council that they have looked at both Candy Cane and Bundy Park. Candy Cane doesn't have bathrooms or water, but could still be a possibility to build on. Bundy Park does have water, bathrooms, shade, close to food, and highly accessible. Candy Lagerquist is not opposed to having the skate park at Bundy, but just wanted to make sure they took into account that people accessing the park wouldn't block the exit to her carwash. Council member Austin mentioned he would like to meet with the committee at the proposed locations with the skate park marked out so he could get an idea of how much room it would take up in the park(s). Also, Council member Koski asked if they had considered looking at Smith Bike Park as a location. Tess said they have not, but it may be an option. Tess said she just wanted to present the options tonight and wasn't looking for a final decision at this time.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 3, 2023 in the amount of \$305,198.37, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,347.44, and the minutes of the June 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated that John Kulczyk was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but DPW Skubinna can update the council on this issue. DPW Skubinna said according to Interstate Engineering's analysis of the property and the platted Right-Of-Way, the current road wasn't constructed as it should've been. One of the solutions may be to realign the road. John has been moved to the July 17th agenda to discuss this further and he may have additional solutions that can be looked into.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Two Rivers membership dues for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,250.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the Great Northern Development Corporation annual dues in the amount of \$3,202.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to appoint himself to the Great Northern Development Corporation Board. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the recommendation from the Wage Comp committee to pay up to \$900.00 for health insurance for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the recommendation from the Wage Comp committee to pay the employee longevity payment for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the short form agreement between the City of Glasgow and Interstate Engineering for the existing bathhouse remodel. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion extending City Attorney Pekovitch's current contract for one (1) month until new proposals are received. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

The recommendation from the city planning board was for the city council to consider the potential abandonment of a portion of 13th Avenue North for the use of a drive through. Council member Austin presented his drawings to the council for the area in consideration. He asked the planning board for a 4' abandonment of the city's right-of-way

and that he will have an easement with Northwestern Energy. DPW Skubinna stated that since he just received the drawings tonight, he has 30 days to review and comment on them and bring a recommendation back to the council for final approval.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna mentioned the meeting that was held in June went well. We still have one opening on the Levee committee.

Mayor Karst reported on the department head meeting that was held on Friday. Code Compliance Officer Dees has been busy, the boiler inspection went well, and the replacement of the Lagoon blower will need to be completed in the near future.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. City Grant Writer Beyers prepared a grant report for the council to review. An ordinance committee meeting is set for July 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said his department has been busy, and they are looking at possibly restructuring the police department.

DPW Skubinna updated the council about the sewer testing violation we will be receiving because of timing. The street data has been collected for Cyvl to assess all of the city streets for future street projects. The bid packet for the Sullivan Park Fence project is almost complete and Pace will be here in the next few weeks to TV the sewer mains.

City Clerk Amundson said she's been working on inputting budgets and starting year end closing procedures.

Public Comment: Candy Lagerquist was in attendance to ask the council to consider changing 2nd Avenue South into diagonal parking from Wester Drug to the Elks. There was discussion on having handicapped parking spaces and what the spacing for each spot would have to be. If the city is able to change to diagonal parking, it would create much needed additional parking. DPW Skubinna will research and report back at the next meeting.

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor