

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 3, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Carr, Ozark, Nistler, Koski, and Austin. Council member Heitman was absent. City Clerk Amundson, City, DPW Skubinna, City Grant Writer Byers, and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

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 March 3, 2025 in the amount of \$158,784.65, Valley Court claims in the amount of \$2,335.89, and the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 990** – An Amendment to the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Glasgow’s Manufactured Homes and Trailers Code to Address the Abatement of Blighted, Dangerous, Abandoned and/or Public Nuisance Buildings, Structures, and Properties. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 990** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Ordinance No. 990** was adopted at second reading. **Ordinance No. 990** will become effective April 3, 2025.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3192** – A Resolution Approving Elected & Appointed Officials into the Employee Benefits Program. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3192**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3192** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Koski made a motion to reappoint Dillion Hughes for another five (5) year term and Tami Dunn for another two (2) year term to the Housing Authority Board effective March 4, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion reappointing Rene Clampitt for another three (3) year term, Casey Burke for another one (1) year term, and DPW Skubinna for another three (3) year term to the City of Glasgow Planning Board effective March 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion appointing Troy Kelsey to the Planning Board for a two (2) year term effective March 7, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated the city will be awarded the EJA grant that was applied for around \$300,000.00 and this will be used as the match on the levee project. He suggested to the mayor and council to contact the state representatives to approve HB7, as this bill has the funding for the levee included in it. Council member Ozark stated HB7 has passed through the House over the weekend and will move to the Senate.

Committee Reports: There were no reports Water, Personnel, or Cemetery. City Grant Writer Byers talked about the Brick funding that is available through FEMA. This grant is highly competitive, the deadline is in mid-April, and the ceiling amount per application is \$150 million. She is still waiting on confirmation on the amendment to the LCWF grant. She has applied to AARP for \$15,000.00 for the fitness court. The city was also awarded \$15,000.00 for the homerun pond updates, and she inquired to the council if she should apply for a VCCF grant. Council member Koski said the city should start applying for grants through them since they are to enhance the community and start building a pot to purchase playground equipment. City Attorney Pekovitch said she should have 3 ordinances emailed to City Clerk Amundson by the end of the week.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna talked about the water breaks that had occurred the past week. He made the call to have 130’ of new water main installed on 8th and 4th North due to the condition of the pipe. The sewer blockage on Division Street has been taken care of. He also said that the other EJA grant the city applied for in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the lead abatement plan should be awarded soon. Council member Koski wanted to know when the project on Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive is set to begin. DPW Skubinna said there isn’t a set date at this time, but the contractor has been providing submittals to the engineer for their review for the project.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she is working on a TBID ordinance for short-term rentals and has been reviewing the police departments policies this week.

Mayor Karst mentioned there was a letter from Mike Lackner in the packets. He was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will be at the March 17, 2025 council meeting, so it will be included on the agenda.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor