

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Karst, Nistler, Ozark, Young, and Heitman. Council member Carr was absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, City Attorney Sullivan, Assistant Director of Public Works Cook, Officer Nolan, Chief Gault, and Dan Miller. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. John and Josh Reynolds, Dan Carney, Rene Clampitt, Dan Durell, Leanne Fontaine, and Rod Ost were also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Young made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for September 8, 2020 in the amount of \$174,899.76, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,331.74, the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Special Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. on the petition to abandon Klein Avenue submitted by Northland Real Estate and Reynolds Market submitted to the City of Glasgow to discontinue the public right-of-way.

Dan Carney wanted to know what was being done with the public right-of-way and who will be responsible for the city utilities that run underground. He mentioned that some members of the public think this has already been agreed upon and is already complete, and he wanted to know exactly where the city is at with this process.

City Attorney Sullivan said that there is an improvements agreement between the City of Glasgow and Reynolds that addresses all of these concerns. The city will retain all easements to the utilities and it includes who is responsible if something happens. All of the adjacent property owners have signed off on the petition.

DPW Kompel mentioned there will be perpetual access to all easements and there will not be an issue with the sewer since it runs off of the back of the business. The storm water will be addressed with curb, gutter, and sidewalk improvements that have been agreed upon.

Mayor Erickson asked Council member Heitman if there would be any issues with the Fire Department being able to access any of the businesses in the area if the council approves the closure of Klein Avenue. He said that there should be no issues.

Rene Clampitt inquired on the split of the street if it's vacated. Mr. Reynolds said that all the businesses in the area will have access to the parking lot and DB's will acquire the other half of the street. Both businesses understand that their property taxes will increase due to the acquiring of half of the street. Mr. Reynolds said the company is excited to be investing into Glasgow with the expansion of their store and this will require having additional parking. He also wants to create parking for those with RV's, campers, and boats.

With no further questions or comments Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Council member Young made a motion approving the abandonment of the portion of Klein Avenue and 2nd Street North according to the petition received from Northland Real Estate and Reynolds Market. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson then opened the public hearing on the city's lights, streets, and garbage assessments at 5:55 p.m. There were no comments for or against the assessments. Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 5:56 p.m.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 5:56 p.m. for the City of Glasgow's mill levy and permissive medical levy. Rod Ost made a comment with all the taxes and assessments being raised through the county it's making it harder for the younger generation to afford living in Glasgow and they are moving elsewhere. Mayor Erickson stated that this year the council agreed to keep the property taxes about where they were last year and there were no increases to the lights and garbage assessments. Mayor Erickson then closed the public hearing at 5:58 p.m.

Council member Karst made a motion approving the 289.41 mills to levy in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the 3.33 mills to levy for the permissive medical levy in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3042** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Maintenance and Electrical Power for the Glasgow Lighting Districts Nos. 1 through 29, to Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3042**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3042** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3043** – A Resolution Levying Basic Assessment for Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Revoking Resolution No. 3016. Council member Ozark

moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3043**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3043** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3044** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Annual Maintenance for the Glasgow Street Maintenance District to Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3044**. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Resolution No. 3044** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3045** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow City Council to Levy Additional Permissive Medical Levy Mills for Employer Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3045**. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Resolution No. 3045** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3047** – A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3047**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3047** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Karst made a motion awarding the Sewer Main Improvements Project to Bishop, Inc in the amount of \$483,068.51. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion to approve selling the 1999 GMC C6500 Sander to Butch Leckie in the amount of \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. This piece of equipment has been put out to bid twice and the city did not receive a response from anyone. Motion carried.

Council member Karst made a motion to open the vacant water position internally first and if there is no interest the position can be opened at Job Service. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson said she met with Tayln from Keystone Pipeline and they will start hauling pipe in January 2021. There will be only one man camp and it will start housing people in May of 2021. She also mentioned that construction will not begin until all water permits are acquired.

She said that there was a meeting for Valley Court with some of the tenants and there will be walk throughs conducted to make sure they are abiding by the lease agreements.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel mentioned the meeting with DNRC that was held on the 27th of August and the mapping project is still about 7 years out until it's completed, but will have key data and critical elevations that will assist in getting the levee certified with the Army Corps of Engineers. This information will also help Interstate Engineering with their studies.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Grant, or Insurance. An Ordinance committee meeting will be scheduled in a couple of weeks.

Dan Miller stated he has started spraying the thistle that is in the cemetery. He was able to get a 4-wheeler from the police department to assist with this.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Gault mentioned he has 2 officer openings at the police department and has received 7 applications. Heather Henry is now done as the Victim Witness Advocate, so that position is open.

Assistant Director of Public Works Cook said he's now working on alley right-of-way violations.

DPW Kompel told the council that Adam's Asphalt was in town patching approximately 755 square yards of larger potholes. The elevated water tower is back in service, there have been some issues with the new SCADA system that are being worked on, and he will be attending a DNRC flood plain conference online next week.

City Attorney Sullivan said she has been working on cases, she is reviewing the Improvements Agreement for Reynolds, and there is a new street sweeper coming from Kois Brothers.

City Clerk Amundson told the council that the Request for Proposals for the Capital Needs Assessment for the Valley Court Apartments will be published the 16th and 23rd of this month with proposals being due by October 9th. Also, the annual reports for the Library and Fire Relief have been submitted to the state and she will start the city's annual financial report that is due by the end of the year.

Public Comment: Officer Nolan wanted to know if the speed humps on 3rd Street South could be expanded to cover the entire sections of street, since people are driving around them. DPW Kompel said they can order additional material over the winter, since they are supposed to be uninstalled over the next couple of weeks.

Council member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor