

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 17, 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, Ozark, Carr, Nistler, and Koski. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, Grant Writer Ryan, and DPW Skubinna. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering and Candy Lagerquist were also in attendance. City Attorney Pekovitch, City Grant Writer Beyers, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Nistler 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.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 17, 2023 in the amount of \$225,183.44, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,807.59, the minutes of the July 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, and Resolution No. 3136 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Glasgow Police Department for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Justice Division of Criminal Investigation. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

The council agreed to remove John Kulczyk's BLM property issue from future agendas at this time, since he hasn't been able to attend the last three (3) meetings.

DPW Skubinna gave his report on diagonal parking pros and cons on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. He presented the council with a packet with a parking drawing, a reverse angle parking pamphlet, and a letter from the City of Wilmington, Delaware that stated they had not experienced any significant problems with angled parking. He mentioned with angled parking it would create about 23% more parking spaces. He was unable to find any laws on ADA parking or if it's required. He mentioned on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South, there could only be diagonal parking on one side of the street to allow for property traffic flow. He suggested that it should be reverse angled parking, since it's a safer option. The estimated startup cost would be about \$16,000.00 for the paint and signage. Other suggestions for diagonal parking were on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. The council would like DPW Skubinna to continue to look into this and to start with 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South and if it's successful, then move onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South.

City Attorney Pekovitch's suggestion for the right-of-way abandonment was to possibly close the 4' section and have an encroachment agreement in place. DPW Skubinna explained that he had put together a letter for Brian on additional information that will be needed before abandonment could happen; he had emailed it to City Attorney Pekovitch. She said that DPW Skubinna request has been reviewed and can be given to Brian. Council member Koski made a motion to table this issue until the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the extension of City Attorney Pekovitch's contract until the August 7, 2023 council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously. Mayor Karst stated that there will be an attorney contract review committee meeting following the council meeting to review the proposed changes to the current contract and the recommendation will be brought to the full council at the August 7, 2023 meeting.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated that the annual levee inspection was held on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The next Levee Committee meeting will be on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and it will only be with the local committee members.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. Grant Writer Ryan said she's been working on closing out the VOCA grant and implementing the new funding cycle. City Grant Writer Beyers mentioned she's been working on funding applications for the swimming pool and stated that the MCEP and CDBG planning grant cycles are open and they have funding up to \$40,000.00 each. Council member Koski reported on the Ordinance Committee meeting that was held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. She said the committee discussed the Board of Appeals, removing the fire zones that were adopted in 1958, the city's plumbing code and charging licensing fees, building uses in commercial zones, and they reviewed the draft ordinance for recreational vehicles.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna told the council that Adam passed his water test and Pace will be here this week.

Chief Weber said Officer Miller passed his FTO program and is supposed to go to the academy in April. Governor Gianforte will be meeting with Stella and Officer Dick on the Crisis Intervention Training grant program tomorrow.

Council member Heitman reported that there was one fire call the other morning. Council member Austin talked about the issue the fire call out paging system was having. He said that for the fire call the other morning only 8 firefighters were there. They are working on fixing it, but it's taking time.

Public Comment: Council member Ozark said that the Department of Revenue will be holding a meeting on the property tax appraisals on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>. That meeting will be held in the basement of the Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor