

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 3, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Karst, Ozark, Nistler, Carr, and Young. Those also present were DPW Kompel, Chief Gault, Captain Edwards, Assistant City Clerk Frueh, and City Attorney Sullivan. Jeff Ashley from Morrison-Maierle, Inc was in attendance. Chris Richter, Dan Carney, Bryce Lawrence, Caleb Lawrence, LeeAnn Lawrence, Chris Knodel, Ian Anderson, Jack Pliley, Colleen Pankratz, Scott Redstone, JR Estes, Matt and Lisa Baxter, Einar Anderson, Jeff Knodel, Austin Svingen, Brandon Kauffman, Tyson Knodel, Samantha Trott, Christopher Leckie, Terry Thompson, Josh Turner, JoAnna Turner, Trevor Turner, and Tyler Turner were also in attendance. Chris McDaniel representing the Glasgow Courier was in attendance.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Erickson thanked everyone for coming and moved the public comment to the beginning of the meeting. She mentioned at the last council meetings some property owners from the area came with some concerns about noise and rudeness of kids riding their motor bikes outside of the trail area. At a committee meeting following that it was decided to put up No Trespassing signs and to keep the road open to the trails. She mentioned Pat Gunderson with BLM has been contacted and is aware of the issue and will set up a time to meet with the city and come up with a solution. The city does not want to close down the park. After an update is given and discussion on this issue, she would like to appoint a committee consisting of a couple of the homeowners, the kids using the riding area, a couple of the parents, and also law enforcement. The city has ordered 20 signs for the area costing around \$2,500.00. Captain Edwards stated that the city law enforcement and Sheriff's department will work together on the issue and want to make people aware of it and not just write tickets. He also went over the laws for off road vehicles. His suggestion is the riders in the area drive slower and smarter. Chris Richter said that the sheriff's department has received a lot of complaints on Airport and Skylark Road. Mayor Erickson then asked DPW Kompel to give an update on what the city's plan has been so far. DPW Kompel said that to get with law enforcement to install signage so the riders know where they can and can't go and also say "daylight use only." Also, the city road will remain open along with the BLM riding area. Austin Svingen voiced his concerns about small riders learning in the BLM area which is a gravel area with steep hills. Mayor Erickson then stated she will allow 3 minutes for each person who would like to speak for public comment. JR Estes stated that he cleans up the city property at the old land fill. He is suggesting assembling a committee or club to address the issues and come up with rules and have to pay a small fee to have a sticker put on the bikes that shows they have read and understood the rules before being able to ride out there. City Attorney Sullivan stated that it is unlawful to ride on private property and we can come up with an option of gifting it to the riding group. Bryce Lawrence mentioned there are no signs up there and have never been signs. Mayor Erickson told those in attendance that the city had purchased signs and fencing and installed it all and within a few days the signs were gone and the fence was cut. Jeff Knodel voiced his opinion on kids riding after dark, too fast, and no lights on their bikes. Chris Knodel thanked the council for wanting to find a solution and he has a few ideas he would like to submit to this committee when it's formed. Council member Ozark stated that the City leases property to the Golf Course and the Trap Club out off of Skylark Road, and the City would be willing to lease property to this club also. Mayor Erickson encouraged the committee to come back with some ideas and areas of property they are looking at wanting to ride on and the council will take a look at it.

Mayor Erickson told the council that Dan Carney requested to update the city council on the current landfill board status. Dan isn't for sure why the board was disbanded and doesn't agree with it, but he isn't going to argue it. There was discussion on issues that were being addressed from the internal audit.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for May 3, 2021 in the amount of \$139,277.09, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,250.91, and the minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson said the bid opening for the City of Glasgow's Repurchase Agreement will now take place. There was one bid received from First Community Bank at .10% above the US Treasury 26-week bill. 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 Karst made a motion approving the March 2021 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Jeff Ashley from Morrison-Maierle was in attendance to conduct the public meeting for the Preliminary Engineering Report. He will explain what a PER is and why one needs to be conducted for the waterline transmission main. He will address items of concern, the alternatives, project funding, environmental impacts, and what is the next step for the city. This PER is an update to the 2014 Water Treatment Plant one. The transmission main is about 15 miles long and Marco owns 7 miles of it and the city owns the other 8 miles that runs from the valve vault to the treatment plant. Jeff reviewed the deficiencies of the current transmission main. Jeff explained the four different alternatives within the PER. Morrison-Maierle is recommending PVC pipe because it's more cost effective, directional drilling instead of open cut because of the new permitting process, and maintaining the existing easement. Jeff talked about project costs and the funding agencies the city could use depending on if it's a phased project or done all at one time. Dan Carney inquired about the 1987 Waterline money and what it's been spent on. Jeff then discussed the

environmental aspect of the PER. The next step is for the city to review the PER and decide which option they would like to move forward with.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 974** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Glasgow’s Building Code to Provide a Minimum Standards to Safeguard Life, Health, Property, and General Welfare of the Public by Regulating and Controlling the Methods and Procedures for Demolishing and Disposing of Buildings and Structures Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 974** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 974** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 974** will be effective June 3, 2021.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 975** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Glasgow’s Zoning Regulations for Home Based Occupation Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 975** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Ordinance No. 975** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 975** will be effective June 3, 2021.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 976** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana Amending Home Occupation Licenses and Home Occupation Requirements for Home Based Businesses and Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 976** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Ordinance No. 976** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 976** will be effective June 3, 2021.

Council member Young made a motion appointing Dylan Hughes to the Housing Authority Board to fill the remaining term of Nixie Gagne which expires on January 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving Mayor Erickson to sign the consulting agreement between the City of Glasgow and Thomas Munsey. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – There will be an in person meeting with DNRC on May 26<sup>th</sup>. They will send out additional information closer to the meeting date.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

Mayor Erickson said the Armory is moving forward, she received an email from Rick today and he hasn’t heard back from Joe Herbold yet and Rick is working on the buy/sell and should have a draft to us this week. She mentioned we’ve only had one application for the City Judge position and going to advertise for two (2) more weeks. She reported on the Valley Court meeting that was held last week.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, Grant, or Ordinance.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards reviewed the calls for service.

City Attorney Sullivan said she has finished the contracts for the Red’s and Kiwanis Swim Team and gave them to Jory. She’s met with the Police Department and talked about community policing and will be working on the changes to the Valley Court rent agreements.

DPW Kompel said he’d like set a cemetery committee meeting for next week. He has some information for the front entryway gate. A meeting was set for Wednesday May 12, 2021 at noon. He also reported on the Valve Vault project.

Assistant City Clerk Frueh told the council she will be in training for Clerk’s institute the next three (3) days to earn credits towards her certification, so if the door is locked, that is the reason.

Captain Edwards reported on the cuts to the VOCA grant and Kathy is working on refining the budget.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Alicia Frueh  
Assistant City Clerk

Rebecca Erickson  
Mayor