

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Nistler, Austin, Koski, Carr, Ozark, and Heitman. Also present were, Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, Street Foreman Runnigen, Officer Nolan, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Those also present were Kaden Bedwell and John Bach from Interstate Engineering and Rene Clampitt. 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 February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$87,690.95, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,269.94, and the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the Amended Plat of Lots 16A thru 22, Block 21, Glasgow Original Townsite, Valley County Montana for Rene and Curt Clampitt. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3089** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for A Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Kaden Bedwell. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3089**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3089** was unanimously adopted.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – No Report
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – An email was included in the packets with the housing updates.

Mayor Karst said that everything is going well, there was a meeting on Friday and DPW Kompel handed out a public works status update with all the projects that are currently in the works.

John Bach from Interstate Engineering was in attendance to talk to the council about the Building Permit process. He handed out a contract proposal for them to review. He estimated about 20 applications may be processed until the Director of Public Works position is filled. They would bill at an hourly rate and the contract would be for a one-year period with an estimated cost of \$17,900.00. Code Compliance Officer Dees could do the residential inspections from a check list that they would provide and Interstate would do the commercial ones. This contract will be on the March 7, 2022 agenda for approval.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Cemetery or Ordinance. Mayor Karst stated there is a Personnel committee meeting following the council meeting. Council member Ozark reported on the Water Committee Meeting and said that Jeff Ashley was in attendance to give an update on all the water/sewer projects. Chief Weber said that he has received two (2) applications for the grant writer position and they are set to be interviewed on Friday. Kathy is working on completing the Homeland Security Grant. Council member Ozark then gave an update on the Street Committee Meeting and the issues that were discussed.

Department Head Reports:

Code Compliance Officer Dees told the council that he's been working with DPW Kompel to make sure things run smoothly during this transition. He also mailed out letters to property owners of abandoned houses. Also, the owner of the JC Building will be coming to Glasgow to install fencing around the building and contact contractors for demolition prices.

Chief Weber said the speed feed sign will be shipped the first week of April and the MOU with the county is completed. The police department will be working under the Stone Garden grant again and have been allocated around \$22,000.00. He has also received four applications for the open officer position and are planning on conducting interviews the end of March. Officer Nolan mentioned Officer Campbell is in the last phase of the FTO program and is set to go to the Academy in September.

Street Foreman Runnigen said the sander is up and running and they are filling pot holes when they are able.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she has filed a complaint on the Star Lodge for money they owe the city for TBID and she has a trial coming up next week.

City Clerk Amundson told the council she will be working on the RFP for the downtown lighting plan, the ARPA report that needs to be filed, and will be contacting USDA Rural Development to see if there is a process to be able to sell Valley Court.

Public Comment: Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering told the council that they would be willing to assist in any projects that the city would like to see completed, that may need engineering services.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor