

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 3, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Karst, Nistler, Ozark, and Young. Council member Carr was absent. Those also present were City Clerks Amundson and Fuhrman, DPW Kompel, Captain Edwards, and Kathy Granger of the Glasgow Police Department. The media was represented by AJ Etherington of the Glasgow Courier. Lieutenant Gamas arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for February 3, 2020 in the amount of \$83,221.41, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,979.35, and the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst motioned for approval of the December 2019 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark and carried unanimously.

Council member Young motioned for the appointment of Megan Bechel to the Housing Authority Board to fill the remaining term of Khyler Wiseman that expires August 7, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst motioned for approval to cancel \$386.84 in outstanding checks from 2015-2017. The motion was seconded by Council member Young and carried unanimously.

DPW Kompel summarized the January 22, 2020 water operator interview process that included applicant ranking and the hiring committee's recommendation. Council member Young made a motion to hire Chelsea Dierzen for the Water/Wastewater Operator position. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler motioned to remove City Clerk Amundson as an authorized signer for the banks: First Community Bank, Wells Fargo, and the Bank of Glasgow, and add City Clerk Fuhrman as an authorized signer. The motion was seconded by Council member Young and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst motioned to expand the investment pledging options to include Municipal Bonds, according to Montana Code 17-6-102, 103 for the First Community Bank Repurchase Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Erickson noted there will be a meeting on February 6, 2020 with Interstate Engineering including levee chair person John Lamb and incoming engineer, John Bach. DPW Kompel added the goal is to bring Bach up to date with the city's needs and input and answer any questions he may have.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

Mayor Erickson reported that Tyler Edwards has been promoted to Captain of the Police Department, with a pinning ceremony that took place on January 31, 2020. The mayor announced that TC Energy's Tayla Snapp will be in Glasgow on February 25, 2020 at the Cottonwood Inn to discuss the Keystone XL and how the pipeline affects the community. There will be a County Commissioner's meeting on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. There is a Rural Development audit and walk through of Valley Court scheduled for February 5, 2020. Mayor Erickson added that the Montana Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division will hold a training in Glasgow on February 13, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at STAT Air. The presentation is intended for public officials and law enforcement and will provide a better understanding on Montana's alcoholic beverage laws and rules.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Kathy Granger provided an update on grants. Since November 2018, the City has successfully been awarded over \$576,160.00 in grant funding, administered by Granger. Awarded grants include: Keystone for a Long Run extrication vehicle, MDOT for overtime patrols, Mason Moore Foundation for police gas masks, Beck Foundation, VCCF and BNSF for the swimming pool, VOCA, Keystone for beautification, and VOCA non-competitive for equipment. Additionally, there are several grants pending. Council member Karst noted a conflict for the Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled February 18, 2020; the meeting will be moved to March 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Council member Heitman said there was a fire call on Saturday for traffic control on a wreck.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards noted there was a thank you published in the newspaper for an officer helping a stranded pedestrian. They are conducting department meetings regarding scheduling, accountability, VOCA and MPO, officer safety, and discussing progressive ways to involve the media as well as developing policy and procedure for utilizing social media. There will be interviews on February 5, 2020 for the officer vacancies. Captain Edwards added that the department is working on delegating responsibility roles that include firearms, vehicles, uniforms, checks and balances, and sustainability of grants. He also reported that in the last two weeks, there were 64 calls for service. There was discussion on the role of the Police Commission. Captain Edwards said the commission approves hiring decisions and they plan to increase the frequency of meetings to quarterly going forward.

City Clerk Fuhrman gave a progress report on records retention and cleanup. It was also noted that Beki Brandborg with GL Development will attend the February 18, 2020 council meeting to discuss the potential purchase of Valley Court.

DPW Kompel reported there have been several calls from the public on melting and excessive water running. They are working to alleviate the problem spots. Council member Nistler said a south side resident had contacted him regarding installation of a storm drain. DPW Kompel will follow up with Council member Nistler on location and contact. Mayor Erickson reported that she received a phone call from a resident that fell into an ice covered hole near Scotty Pride Drive that appears to have been caused by underground utility work. The resident was not hurt and the mayor blocked the hole with a barrier. DPW Kompel reported that Street Foreman Runningen filled the hole with gravel.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rikki Fuhrman
City Clerk – Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor