

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 4, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Nistler, Young, and Karst. Council members Carr and Ozark attended via conference call. Those also present were DPW Kompel, ADPW Cook, Captain Edwards, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson and AJ Etherington of the Glasgow Courier attended via Google Meets. Caleb Olfert was also in attendance.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Mayor Erickson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with tabling item #7 Resolution No. 3054. Council member Nistler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for January 4, 2021 in the amount of \$90,256.53, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,367.65, the minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting and tabling item #7 on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council member Young and carried unanimously.

Council member Young made a motion approving the financial statements for October and November 2020. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3053** – A Resolution Appointing A Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for A Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Dustin Brunelle. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3053**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3053** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3055** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Borrowed from the First Community Bank. Council member Young moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3055**. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst; whereby **Resolution No. 3055** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 973** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 899 And 28 To Define the Notice Procedure, To Provide A Penalty for Failure to Comply, And Cost of Removal of Unlawfully Deposited Snow, Ice, and Slush Thereby Amending Section 17-24 of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 973** at second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 973** was unanimously adopted at second reading. **Ordinance No. 973** will go into effect February 4, 2021.

DPW Kompel reported on the interview for the open water/wastewater distribution operator position. He said that Mr. Synan has equipment experience and already has his CDL. Council member Nistler made a motion approving the hire of Terry Synan for the open position. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – No Report
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

Mayor Erickson said that if any council member would like to change to a different committee to let Alicia know so an updated sheet can be included at the next council meeting. Council member Nistler stated he would like to be off of the Cemetery Committee.

Mayor Erickson reported that the insurance policy for the library board has been brought to her attention and would like the city to look to see if the Library is covered under MMIA for both the building and contents. In the Interlocal Agreement it states that the city should be paying for property, liability, and casualty insurance. She also mentioned that she has met with a group of four (4) citizens expressing their perception of local law enforcement targeting a certain bar for DUI's. She asked them to complete the grievance policy that was put into place in July of 2020. The complaint needs to be in writing and will be addressed; if an outside investigation is warranted it will be completed in a timely manner. A virtual bias and hate crime forum that will be put on by the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the Attorney General will be held online January 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Sherriff's Office, the Glasgow Police Department, and City Attorney Sullivan will have roles in the forum. This online forum can host up to 500 participants. The Armory appraisal will be performed by Rocky Zimdars by February, then the city will have 90 days to secure funding. If the city decides not to move forward with the purchase, it will then be available to others.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Captain Edwards mentioned the VOCA Grant application will be submitted soon, they are reviewing the MPO position to see if it can be included within this grant application. An Ordinance Committee meeting is set for January 19, 2021 following the council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards said that he has met with Chief Gault about getting the new police vehicles here. He sent Officer Weber to do a background check on a potential candidate for the police department, she still needs to pass the psychological test and then be put on the next council agenda for approval to hire. Officer Dick is scheduled to attend the academy in April. He then reviewed the calls for service.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she has 22 cases she is working on.

City Clerk Amundson stated that the City Judge would like to conduct interviews for the Court Clerk position on Tuesday January 12th at 3:30 p.m. and would like the Mayor, Council member Karst, and City Attorney Sullivan on the interview panel.

ADPW Cook said he has finished up the initial leadership class and is now working on the advanced one. The last safety meeting went well.

DPW Kompel told the council that the EPA is coming out with new standards regarding lead service lines and we may have to conduct additional testing for elevated lead levels.

Public Comment: Caleb Olfert was in attendance and inquired about the snow ordinance that was just passed. He was wondering if he was going to have to increase his rent for these charges. It was explained to him that these additional charges are for those who are depositing additional snow into the street which is against the original ordinance. He also inquired on how many lead service lines are in town after DPW Kompel had talked about the new EPA standards.

Council member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor