

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman and Young. Council member Ozark attended via Google meets. Council members Carr and Nistler attended via conference call. Council member Karst was absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, ADPW Cook, Captain Edwards, and Chief Gault. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

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 16, 2021 in the amount of \$67,403.65, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$784.07, and the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Young and carried unanimously.

Council member Young opened the one bid received from Rocky Thompson in the amount of \$5,321.98 for the 1.285 acres in the Shulund Valley View 2nd Addition, Township 28 North, Range 39 East, Section 01 in the City of Glasgow. Council member Nistler made a motion to take the bid under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously. After review the bid will be awarded at the March 1, 2021 council meeting.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3058** – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Determining Meeting Dates, Times, and Policies. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3058** with the revision of including a seasonal start time of 4:30 p.m. during the winter months and modifying the meeting start times to 5:30 p.m. during the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Resolution No. 3058** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson reviewed the remote work policy for the City of Glasgow which contained the terms and conditions for working remotely. It will act as a guide for both management and the employees, and must be signed by the employee to acknowledge they read through and understood the details. This will also have to be signed off on by the department head and Mayor. Council member Young made a motion approving the updated remote work policy for the City of Glasgow. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Kompel said that a meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. in the council chambers both DNRC and the Corps will be in attendance via conference call to give an update on the mapping project and Silver Jackets.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report – City Clerk Amundson will follow up with Brianna Vine at GNDC to get an updated status report.

Mayor Erickson said that she wrote a letter of support for the Keystone Pipeline, there will be a town hall meeting this Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Cottonwood Inn, there is progress being made on the Armory building, and she is having Kathy Granger look into grants to repaint the underpass.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Grant, or Ordinance. Council member Heitman updated the council on the Cemetery Committee meeting that was held last week. Dan Miller would like to invest in a generator and a heated blanket to assist with digging graves during the winter months. The committee recommended to him that if there is money in this year's budget to purchase a generator and then the blanket in the next fiscal year when they are back in stock. Dan is also requesting quotes to fix the front gate entrance at the cemetery.

Department Head Reports:

Council member Heitman said the Fire Department received a call this afternoon and the new fire truck showed up today.

City Clerk Amundson stated the fiscal year 2019-2020 audit is almost complete and will be on one of the agendas in March for approval. She let the council know that the preliminary health insurance increase will be between \$17.00 and \$33.00 and will have the final rates in early April. The Montana Rural Water Conference will be held on May 19 through the 21st, 2021 in person. She emailed the department heads a listing of their employees with their current wage and upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022 wage, along with the accelerated wage request and asked for it to be returned to her by March 10th at 5:00 p.m. If there are no requests for a wage increase, a Wage Comp Committee meeting will be held to review the upcoming wages and budget amounts.

DPW Kompel said that he has finished up a survey for Annexation and for Montana Rural Water. He would like three (3) members of the water committee to meet on Thursday February 25th at 4:30 p.m. to review the RFP's for the Water Transmission Main Project Preliminary Engineering Report, so it can be awarded at the March 1, 2021 council meeting.

ADPW Cook mentioned he is studying to take the test for his building code certification and working on gathering information for the next safety meeting.

Chief Gault told the council that Josh Sand will need a letter from the Police Department by April 1, 2021 to cancel the lease with him, or it will automatically renew for a four (4) year period.

Captain Edwards reviewed the calls for service from February 1 through the 14th with those present.

Public Comment: NONE

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

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk Treasurer

Mayor

Rebecca Erickson