

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 23, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Carr, Koski, and Ozark. Council member Nistler was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Betty Stone and Pat Knierim were also in attendance. Officer Ames arrived around 5:15 p.m. Michelle Bigelbach was in attendance from the Glasgow Courier.

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 May 23, 2022 in the amount of \$181,053.41, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,552.81, the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, **Resolution No. 3095** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies received from Community Development Block Grant Program for the Third Rehabilitation Project Under the Non-Competitive Grant, and **Resolution No. 3097** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Park Beautification Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received From Donations. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Betty Stone and Pat Knierim were in attendance to talk to the council about the downtown trees. Betty mentioned that TBID had paid to cut the concrete, so new trees could be planted to replace the ones that had been cut down, Two Rivers had also paid some of the expenses and the city used to use the water truck to water them during the summer months. Pat Knierim told the council that she has been receiving donations for the downtown beautification over the past couple of years and has purchased trees with the money. She would like the city to continue to water the trees. There was further discussion on the liability issue with someone who is not a city employee driving the water truck. Council member Austin stated this should be a community effort to keep the downtown trees alive. Council member Ozark inquired on how often the trees need to be watered and Pat Knierim said that once a week should be sufficient. Council member Austin made a motion to have one employee from the street department drive the water truck once a week while Pat waters the trees. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

There was discussion on the amount owed from the Star Lodge for their delinquent TBID assessments to the city. City Attorney Sullivan said that currently they owe \$5,020.00 in back assessments. Mayor Karst said that the full amount should be paid to the city. If the council were to decide that they would only allow a portion of it to be paid, it would be setting a precedent for the other hotel/motel owners. The council agreed that the whole amount needs to be paid to the city, but will accept payments from the Star Lodge for an 18-month period.

Council member Koski made a motion awarding the City's Repurchase Agreement to First Community Bank from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion to allow City Clerk Amundson to call for bids for the city's gas and diesel for fiscal year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3096** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department Following Completion of Probation – Patrick Beer. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3096**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3096** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst gave the water committee report and they are recommending increasing the current bulk water rate from \$.25 for 60 gallons to \$10.00 per 1000 gallons and adding an annual \$30.00 card fee effective January 1, 2023. He stated that City Clerk Amundson had told him that we can do this by resolution and have it effective sooner. Council member Austin made a motion to increase the current bulk water rate to \$10.00 per 1000 gallons and adding the annual card fee of \$30.00 being effective January 1, 2023, to give the water department time to change the rates, purchase additional cards if needed, and any other updates that need to be made. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to renew the lease agreement between the City of Glasgow and the Valley Television District #1 for another ten (10) year period effective July 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst said that they met 2 weeks ago, but not much is going on.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report.
- Update on water/sewer claim submitted to MMIA for Adam Johnson and Amber Wagoner – City Clerk Amundson said the claim has been submitted and Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd has sent pictures to MMIA.

Mayor Karst mentioned he attended former Mayor Carney's funeral on Saturday, he updated the council on GNDC project, and the Municipal Summit will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm and Glasgow only has 1 person signed

up to go. Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson to sign up Council members Carr, Austin, Koski, and Code Compliance Officer Dees. He also stated that Paul has accepted our offer for the Public Work's Director position, and said that we need to schedule a Valley Court committee meeting. There was also discussion on have a Yard of the Week this year. The council is willing to do it again this year, but Council member Koski, Mayor Karst, and Code Compliance Officer Dees will choose the yards each week.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, or Grant. An Ordinance Committee meeting will need to be set to discuss time frames on cleaning up properties.

Department Head Reports:

Code Compliance Officer Dees said he's been working on mailing junk lot letters, but we need to have an ordinance committee meeting to put a timeframe into it. It was suggested to follow up within 14 days, but have the lot cleaned up within 60 days. He updated the council on some abandoned houses and he reported on the meeting with GNDC about the Brownsfield grant.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she has been working on case management, MMIA claims, and updating the Nemont Franchise Agreement.

City Clerk Amundson said that she has sent budget request forms out to the department heads and we received another application for the administrative assistant/city grant writer position.

Chief Weber told the council that the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Glasgow Police Department is this year and they are going to have a barbeque and tour at the Armory on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 p.m. There was also a meeting with the Board of Crime Control and they are talking about cutting out the MPO program for the next fiscal year.

Council member Koski updated the council on the Montana Main Street Program Grant. There was a zoom meeting with Tash and they are going to allocate an additional \$9,000.00 toward the city's grant and the match portion will only have to be \$2,000.00.

Public Comment: None

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst  
Mayor