

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 7, 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, and Heitman. Council members Carr and Ozark were absent. Also present were, Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, City Attorney Sullivan, and Assistant City Clerk Frueh. Those also present were Vicki Wetz, Marlene Jackson, Diana Isakson, David Castleberry, Sherri Richardson, Bennie Hallock, Stella Rosewald, and Jackie Bird. The media was represented by Chris McDaniel 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 February 7, 2022 in the amount of \$132,513.66, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,553.97, the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Regular Council Meeting, and Resolution No. 3087 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Capital Projects and General Funds for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Borrowed from the First Community Bank for the Purchase of the Armory Building. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the December 2021 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Sherri Richardson was in attendance to talk to the council about the parking and speeding in front of the Senior Citizen Center. They would like handicapped parking from the alleyway to 4th Avenue South. Chief Weber stated that to make the 15mph enforceable a resolution would have to be done and a sign installed. They would also like the street repaired since it is rough and a hazard to those with canes and walkers. There was also discussion on crosswalks and stop signs in the area around the Senior Center. They would also like the hole by the Senior Center repaired, if possible, even if it's a temporary fix for now. Mayor Karst said there are some other street and parking issues that need to be addressed, so he will take this to the street committee to see what needs to be done.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3088** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department Following Completion of Probation – Ryan Budde. Council member Heitman made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 3088**. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3088** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Koski made a motion to advertise for a Valley Court Maintenance Contractor. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Assistant Clerk Frueh mentioned there was a zoom meeting with DNRC and the Corps and they received the city's letter to get FEMA to certify the levee, but it will be about another two-year process. There will be monthly meetings held on the first Tuesday if we want to attend.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No updated report.

Mayor Karst mentioned he did his first proclamation for Boy Scout Week. He would like the street committee to address 5th Street South from the train depot to the courthouse, the senior citizen center requests, and the downtown bus parking. The personnel committee needs to address a repayment schedule for any employee we may assist with moving expenses. He also talked about a wage and compensation committee meeting to address the police departments longevity. Mayor Karst then read DPW Kompel's resignation letter to the council. The council would like any committee meetings scheduled and then let them know when they will be.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Chief Weber stated that Kathy's position for grant writer is open and closes at the end of the month and currently they have one application. She will be retiring in August of 2022. She is working on a Homeland Security grant to assist in purchasing updated communications equipment. City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she has a lot of information and should compile it into an understandable format for us.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said they still have an officer opening and have four applications. The digital speed sign that was hit and destroyed has been approved by our insurance company so a new one is on order. After it's received, it can be placed down by the Senior Center to see how fast people are traveling on that street. He's been working on a strategic plan and goals for the department to tailor to their policies and fit the community better. City Attorney Sullivan has completed the MOU and it now at the county for their review and it will be for the SRT team and anything that happens within the five-mile radius.

Code Compliance Officer Dees told the council that he's been working on abandoned houses and sending a pre-letter out letting the owners know that the ordinance has changed and they will have to do something with the property.

Council member Koski wanted to know who is responsible for shoveling in front of the vacant lots in town. It is the property owners' responsibility to clear the sidewalks for their property.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she is working on cases, the MOU is completed, and has been working on some personnel issues.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin the meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alicia Frueh
Assistant City Clerk

Rod Karst
Mayor