

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Karst, Nistler, Ozark, Young, and Heitman. Council member Carr attended via phone. Those also present were DPW Kompel, City Attorney Sullivan, Assistant Director of Public Works Cook, Fire Chief Brunelle, Captain Edwards, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Drew Markle and Lance Kolstad were also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Young made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for September 21, 2020 in the amount of \$214,660.48, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$93.75, and the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on the City of Glasgow's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 preliminary budget. There were no comments for or against the City of Glasgow's preliminary budget. Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3046** – A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for the City of Glasgow, Montana, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3046**. The motion was seconded by Council member Young; whereby **Resolution No. 3046** was unanimously adopted.

Fire Chief Brunelle was in attendance to request permission to move forward with purchasing a used Fire Truck. He explained the department is looking at a 2008 Pierce Pumper, which is located in Alabama. It's identical to the other pumper truck we have, so the training on it won't take much. There was discussion on how this was going to be paid for and where the money is coming from. City Clerk Amundson explained that the loan on the ladder truck has been paid off and that payment now goes towards the SCBA loan. The \$25,000.00 that was the hydrant rental has been transferred to the capital projects fund over the past few years and the money that is saved up will be used towards the down payment of this truck and the \$25,000.00 will cover the loan payments for the next 7 years. The SCBA loan will be paid off in five (5) more years. The cost of this truck is \$275,500.00 and Chief Brunelle said he would do the down payment of \$75,500.00 out of the Capital Projects fund to bring the financing down to \$200,000.00. There was also discussion on disposing some of the older trucks. Chief Brunelle mentioned that some of the surrounding communities could benefit from the older equipment. Council member Carr made a motion to approve moving forward with the purchase of the 2008 Pierce Pumper Truck. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, and carried unanimously.

City Clerk Amundson explained that the current interest rate for the Montana Board of Investments is 2.5%. The last time the city was looking into financing options for the equipment purchases, she had sent a request for interest rate quotes to the local banks to see if they would match the rate that MBOI had at the time and we received two (2) letters back; one bank would not match the rate and FCB agreed to. Council member Karst made a motion for City Clerk Amundson to request interest rate quotes from the local finance institutions. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; Council member Heitman abstained, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel mentioned there will be a progress meeting in two (2) weeks with DNRC on the mapping project.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

Mayor Erickson stated the League of Cities and Towns will be virtual this year. Bell Mortuary received the Yard of the Week. There was a department head meeting held last week and another one will be scheduled in October.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. The fence ordinance is almost complete, we are just waiting on drawings. Captain Edwards updated the council on the COVID grant reimbursement that the city will be receiving.

Department Head Reports:

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she is working on the City's Annual Financial Report, she will be attending the Virtual League Conference, and her and Kathy have been attending the bi-weekly Town Hall meetings that are put on by the Local Government Center and Montana League of Cities and Towns. She has also started her annual training online that is usually held the first week in May. She also stated that the Request for Proposals for the Capital Needs Assessment is now being published and has had five (5) firms request the full RFP. A committee will need to be appointed to review the proposals at the next council meeting. Council member Karst inquired on the Meindinger Project under the Non-Competitive Grant. City Clerk Amundson said that we are waiting on the approval from the State on a change order to finish the basement.

Captain Edwards reviewed the calls for service and said that there is one more Covid case in house.

DPW Kompel said there will be a pre-construction meeting this Thursday for the Sewer Improvement Project that will be held virtually and he is thinking the contractor should be able to start next week.

Assistant Director of Public Works Cook said he has sent out two (2) letters to residents who constructed non-permitted fences and used materials that are not in the city code.

City Attorney Sullivan said that she has had some Jury trials, the Quiet Title Action has been submitted and we should have an answer in about a month to be able to move forward with the park property to be sold, and she is reviewing the construction agreement.

Fire Chief Brunelle said that it is training season for his department.

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 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Stacey A. Amundson  
City Clerk Treasurer

Mayor

Rebecca Erickson