

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 21, 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 Ozark. Council members Heitman and Carr were absent. Also present were, Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, Stella Ryan, Chelsea Dodd, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Todd and Krista Kolstad and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. The media was represented by Gwen Honrud from the Glasgow Courier.

Council member Koski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for March 21, 2022 in the amount of \$145,181.94, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,865.83, and the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3091** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of The Glasgow Fire Department for A Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Wayne Linder. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3091**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3091** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3092** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Establishing A Threshold for Determining When to Capitalize A Lease. City Clerk Amundson explained that this will allow her to only have to report on the larger leases the city has and save time on annual report that is filed with the state. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3092**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3092** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Ozark reported on the interview for the water/wastewater supervisor position. He is recommending the city council move Chelsea Dodd into this position and moving her on the wage scale to an 11-1 with a wage of \$27.30 and a one-year probationary period in this position. Council member Koski made a motion to move Chelsea Dodd into the Water/Wastewater Supervisor position and moving her to an 11-1 and the one-year probationary period in the position. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Todd and Krista Kolstad were in attendance to talk with the council on a portion of city property that is adjacent to their property they would like to use to build a greenhouse on. Council member Koski told the council that she has talked with Krista and knows exactly where they would like to build and as a neighbor, she is ok with this. There are utilities in that area, so they would have to do a call before you dig to make sure it wouldn't be located over any utility lines. City Attorney Sullivan recommended entering into a real estate easement agreement for a six (6) year period that can be renewed. There was additional discussion and pictures that were given to council for further clarification of exactly where the Kolstad's would like to utilize. Council member Austin made a motion to allow Todd & Krista to utilize the property and enter into a real estate easement agreement for a six (6) year period. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion on the quote that was received for the Valley Court Maintenance from Hopstad Construction. It was decided to have a Valley Court Committee meeting with him and discuss what the \$1,000.00 per month would cover and bring that back to the next council meeting. City Clerk Amundson will set the meeting up and let the committee know when that will be.

The council discussed having another community clean up day. Council member Austin suggested contracting with T&R Trucking and placing a dumpster in a central location that residents of the City of Glasgow could take their larger items to. There would be stipulations in place on what could be put into them. The tentative date is April 22nd and Council member Koski mentioned that a member of Two Rivers could possibly monitor the dumpster that day to make sure guidelines are being followed. Mayor Karst will contact T&R Trucking to see if this would work.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – None

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – City Clerk Amundson said the recent project is now complete and will be working on moving forward with the next. She also told Mayor Karst that Brianna Vine and Tori Matejovsky will be contacting him to set up a meeting since there are changes coming with the non-competitive grant.

Mayor Karst mentioned he didn't have much to report since he was gone last week, but City Clerk Amundson contacted him and would like a Wage Comp Committee meeting next Monday at 4:30, a few employees wanted to know if the city is going to observe Juneteenth this year, since it's only a federal holiday and not a state holiday, since it did not pass legislature, and has received information for being able to transfer ownership of the Valley Court Apartments. Council member Ozark suggested recognizing Juneteenth next fiscal year, instead of this one. Mayor Karst also stated that he had met with Darcel Wesen from Marco and discussed their upcoming water projects

that the city will have to budget for in the upcoming fiscal year, since we receive the majority of the water from the transmission main line.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Cemetery or Water. Council member Ozark did ask Code Compliance Officer Dees if he has come up with a list of additional duties that he has been doing, so we can set a personnel committee meeting to review those. A water committee meeting will need to be set to discuss the upcoming projects and Chelsea Dodd can keep the committee updated. Chelsea also updated the council on the status of the Sewer Jetter that she would like to purchase and is budgeted for. There will be an ordinance committee meeting following the council meeting. Stella Ryan updated the council on grants she's been working on. The first is to attempt to acquire dry suits for city emergency services and is through Firehouse Subs Safety Foundation and is looking at requesting \$20,000.00 and should know if we have been awarded between June and July 2022. She is also working on a federal grant through the Department of Justice on Violence Against Women and focuses funding efforts to prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking within rural communities. Those awards are between \$200,000.00 and \$950,000.00. Then in April she will begin to focus more toward mental health grants for officers.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said they had the bike program last week and after the hiring process was completed, they have given two (2) conditional offers.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she's been working on case management, jurisdictional issues, formatting resolutions, and working with MMIA on some issues.

Code Compliance Officer Dees told the council the Reynold's walk through with the State Fire Marshall didn't happen due to some issues that came up, but the walk through of the USDA Building for an occupancy rating did get completed. He is working on one for the Senior Center currently. He is following up with the Corps on a request that was submitted awhile ago about construction near the levee. He also talked about the abandoned property along the Fort Peck Highway that is abandoned and owned by the County.

Public Comment: NONE

At 5:20 p.m. Mayor Karst closed the regular council meeting to enter into the Executive Session to discuss pending litigation strategy.

Mayor Karst reopened the Regular Council meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor