

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 21, 2020

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Carr, Heitman, Karst, Ozark, and Young. Council member Nistler was absent. Those also present were City Clerks Amundson and Fuhrman, DPW Kompel, City Attorney Sullivan, Lieutenant Gamas and Sergeants Edwards and Weber. Officers Ames and Nolan arrived toward the end of the meeting.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for January 21, 2020 in the amount of \$311,458.78, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,499.99, and the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Young, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst motioned for approval of the November 2019 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption the Second Reading of **Ordinance No. 963**-An Ordinance Amending Multiple Sections Of Ordinance No. 962 To Create Exceptions To The Placement And Use Of Shipping Containers As An Accessory Building, Storage Building, Or Living Unit, To Clarify The Procedure For Existing Violations, And To Establish Minimum Design Standards Within The City Limits Of Glasgow, Montana, And Thereby Amending The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 963** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Ordinance No. 963** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 963** will become effective February 22, 2020.

Council member Young motioned for the reappointment of Nixie Gagne to the Housing Authority Board for a five year term effective January 22, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson commented that the hiring approval for Assistant Director of Public Works has been tabled until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel reported that Rick Seiler had worked with Sara Hartley from the StateDES by phone to review grant applications regarding options for the levee project including a mitigation grant or FEMA grant. John Lamb clarified by phone that a sub-grant under the mitigation option would cover a portion of pre-planning. Mayor Erickson requested a summary of the levee report in writing from DPW Kompel. City Attorney Sullivan noted a need to record easements, to which DPW Kompel responded that Interstate Engineering is looking into property origins.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

Mayor Erickson's report included appreciation to the council for acceptance of the new committee assignments updated January 6, 2020. The mayor has been in contact with the Department of Labor's Bureau Chief, Rhonda Huseby regarding locating a Job Service outreach option in the city office's Council Chambers at no charge. The mayor noted that four interviews would take place on January 22, 2020 for the vacant Water Operator position. Regarding Valley Court, Mayor Erickson stated there is one pending eviction. Additionally, contact has been made with potential buyers of the apartment complex. There is a Rural Development audit and walk through of Valley Court scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Mayor Erickson requested Fire be added to the agenda's committee reports. Council member Karst noted that Kathy Granger would be here February 4 through February 7, 2020 to work on the Murdoch Grant for pool funding. Sergeants Edwards noted that Granger will work with the Police Department's staff during this time as well. Council member Karst reported the January 21, 2020 Ordinance Committee meeting discussed compression release engine braking as it relates to noise within city limits. Rather than modifying an existing or creating a new ordinance, the committee will talk to Montana DOT as it pertains to enforcement as there are already federal regulations in place regarding muffler noise. He noted it is difficult for our police to enforce.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Kompel is updating the building code program paperwork from the 2018 version. He has been contacted by an ISO representative that will be here to review the building code program for insurance rates. DPW

Kompel also noted that four interviews would take place on January 22, 2020 for the vacant Water Operator position.

City Clerk Fuhrman reported that the Montana Department of Commerce has awarded the city \$30,000 for a preliminary architectural study for the Valley Court Apartments with Great Northern Development administering the grant. It was noted that the money would have to be returned if the Valley Court property were to sell.

City Attorney Sullivan informed the council that she has not received a signed lease agreement for the Irle School shipping container located at Bundy Park. She inquired if we received the \$16,000 payment from the Housing Authority. Regarding the litigation guarantee on the playground lot located at the Shuland Valley View 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, the city's options are: no action, an action to quiet title, or put to the voters for consent to sell. DPW Kompel noted another property for potential sale located near Scotty Pride Drive. Council member Ozark suggested all potential sellable property be included on the next ballot and to push ahead with selling.

Lieutenant Gamas reported that Sergeants Edwards and Weber, Chief Gault and himself have been updating the department's policies. On February 5, 2020 interviews will be conducted for the two officer vacancies. Sergeant Edwards noted that the SRO Grant does not fit our police department's small agency model. Sergeant Edwards also said they will be reviewing the hiring process that will include utilizing a police application that will look more professional. Sergeant Edwards outlined upcoming February training dates for the following subjects: sexual assault, Montana law and alcohol licenses, Safe Serve, DUI training, and a train the trainer session. Sergeant Edwards provided an overview of the 86 calls for service in the last two weeks.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rikki Fuhrman  
City Clerk – Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson  
Mayor