

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 16, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Ozark, Schindler, Heitman, Brabeck, Koski, and Austin. Chief Weber and Captain Edwards were in attendance. Tim Potter and Drew Henry from Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Joshua Feil from Moore Engineering, Janice Lawrence, Cindy Bishop, and Gregg Hunter from Nemont were all in attendance. City Attorney Pekovitch, Jeremiah Theys from Great West Engineering, and City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

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 March 16, 2026 in the amount of \$79,251.49, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,894.60, the minutes of the March 2, 2026 Regular Council Meeting and the minutes of the March 2, 2026 Executive Session Meeting. Council member Ozark commented that there are quite a few claims being paid to Amazon and understands that it's easy and convenient to order from there, but should be supporting our local businesses if possible. He would like the department heads and departments to try to order products locally before buying off of Amazon. Council member Brabeck asked if there is a breakdown of what is purchased from Amazon. Mayor Karst said it doesn't, but she can look through the claims to see what has been purchased. Council member Ozark also noticed that one of the city's departments has an Amazon prime subscription along with a Sirius XM subscription. Mayor Karst said the Sirius XM subscription is for the Recreation Department's workout area upstairs, which is paid for by membership fees. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, but would like either a memo or email sent out to the department heads reminding them to try to purchase locally first to support the business in town, since they are tax payers of our community. Mayor Karst said the department heads will be notified of this. Motion Carried.

Jeremiah Theys from Great West Engineering was in attendance to update the city council on projects they are working on for the city. He explained when DPW Skubinna was with the city, he had brought in Great West to assist with updating the SWIF plan for the levee. The city was awarded a CDBG planning and a DNRC RDG grant to fund this project. He explained there were remaining funds in the CDBG grant that allowed the city to have the interior drainage and culvert inspections completed by PACE. Great West is working on the inspection report and once that is completed, the grant can be closed out. In the spring of 2024, a DNRC Reclamation Development grant was applied for, for the railroad closure project on the levee. He explained the importance of this project after DNRC does their flood remapping project. The city was not successful during this last funding cycle through the legislative process; 11 projects were funded, and Glasgow was ranked number 12. Through the State DES, there are Resiliency funds that could possibly be available for this project and the application was submitted on the 6th of March. Great West has also applied for other planning grants through MCEP, DNRC, and CDBG to pursue funding for a stormwater/interior drainage study. The city was awarded the MCEP grant, but not the other two (2). The city will have to reapply for other grants to be able to fund the stormwater PER. He also talked about the Congressional Directed Spending applications that have been submitted. The first one the city was not successful in, and were asked to apply again; that application was due by end of day last Friday. The other project Great West assisted the city with was securing funding for a water preliminary engineering report, that is now completed.

Tim Potter and Drew Henry came to talk to the council about the development of the Glasgow Shooting Range. Tim began by saying they have been making some progress forward with this project. A lease has been sent to City Attorney Pekovitch for her review, along with a MOA for mitigation for lead. City Attorney Pekovitch said she has received it and will work on reviewing it tomorrow and talk with Alan. Tim explained that they received a program where they can go and improve shooting ranges. They would like to make the current rifle range ADA accessible with a concrete pad walkway, two (2) rifle shooting lanes with a shade/wind shelter, along with a pistol range next to it. They would like to include a sign in box and it would be day use only. For the archery range, the lanes would start at 10 yards and increase up to 80 yards, be ADA accessible, have a covered shelter, and a storage shed. Drew then explained the process that still needs to be completed. In the MOA it includes language that would allow FWP to hire a company to come in and test the soil in the shooting ranges areas for lead to find out if remediation would have to be completed and to get a base line of the soil. FWP would then need to report to the public the environmental analysis, post public meetings, and then allow for a 30-day comment period for the public. After that process is completed, then they would come back to the council for final approval to enter into the lease. Tim told the council the funding for the ranges is around \$500,000.00, so they are hoping to enter into a low or no cost lease with the city for a 50-year term.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the extension of Renee Jones's excess vacation until June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the extension of City Clerk Amundson's excess vacation until June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated the council reviewed the applications and decided to interview the top four (4) candidates. Last week when the mayor and council held the interviews, one of the candidates declined, as he had a job offer from

other company. Mayor Karst asked the council the direction they would like to go. Did they want to invite 2 of the 3 candidates, or all 3 to come to town for another interview, testing, and meet with community members. The score sheets from the interviews will be given to City Clerk Amundson to tally, then invite the top 2 for a second interview. There was discussion on conducting a background check on the candidates before the second interview. Mayor Karst explained in order to do a background check a conditional offer would have been given first. Chief Weber told the council that at this time, they would be invited to town to conduct testing and then complete the second interview, if they were to pass those, then if the council chooses a conditional offer can be given, that would open it up to start the background investigation. The council agreed to move forward with the top two interviewees that score the highest. Council member Ozark suggested, once the top two are identified, he thinks their names and where they are from should be released to the public in a press release from the city. Chief Weber said after they receive a conditional offer and then that information can be released as a finalist for the position. Council member Koski wanted to know if a press release could be done, stating the city has narrowed it down to two finalists without stating their names. City Attorney Pekovitch would like to have a conversation with MMIA to make sure the city is following all the HR guidelines. She will talk with them tomorrow and update the council on how they are able to proceed.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst talked about funding options for the levee, and if the city were to be awarded the Congressional Directed Spending, the council would then have to decide what projects they would want completed with the money.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Ordinance. City Clerk Amundson mentioned she will set the cemetery committee meeting either before or after the April 6th council meeting to discuss opening up the cemetery caretaker position. Chief Weber reported on two (2) grants that have been applied for. One was through the Office of Justice Assistance to purchase updated body cams. He attended the Montana Board of Crime Control meeting last week and they had talked about the Misdemeanor Probation Grant. As of March 1st, the police department had to phase out the MPO program after 15 years due to the lack of staffing.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber told the council that his department has two (2) officers out this week, advancing their career development. Next week the officers will be out enforcing parking issues, due to multiple complaints.

City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she will be talking with MMIA on some things, she will be working on the MOA for FWP and will send the council a finalized version.

City Clerk Amundson asked the council to send her the police chief interview scoring sheets by the end of the week and she will put everything together, then we can work on scheduling the next steps in the hiring process.

Mayor Karst said that Steve Troendle from USDA Rural Development reached out to him last week and said the money that was allocated to the city for the replacement of the transmission main is still available to us. Mayor Karst told him that the city is still looking at replacing crossing #4 and Water/Wastewater Supervisor Morehouse had told him that there is a section of transmission main between town and Whatley where there have been multiple breaks in the line. The council asked if the funding would be a grant or a loan. City Clerk Amundson explained that in the email it stated if the city were to replace the entire line the loan amount was \$5 million and the grant amount was either \$424,000 or \$464,000 and the city would have to use the loan money first, then the grant money.

Public Comment: Josh Feil with Moore Engineering mentioned that he was in contact with DPW Skubinna before he left employment about a few different projects they could assist the city with. He wanted to know if the city was still interested in keeping the conversation going on drafting a street maintenance plan and the water line crossing.

Mayor Karst said he will talk with Josh following the council meeting.

Council member Schindler stated she had received a complaint about the sidewalks in front of the Civic Center not being shoveled during the Bazaar. She would also like the entire council to meet to discuss how things are being conducted; she had sent out an email and received no response on it. Mayor Karst explained that a meeting was held last week and City Attorney Pekovitch said that emails like that shouldn't be sent out. It was suggested to have a work session with an agenda on what needs to be discussed. Council members Ozark, Schindler, and Brabeck will work on putting together a list of agenda items they would like to discuss and then a date for the work session will be scheduled.

Gregg Hunter from Nemont addressed the council with some facts about Nemont. They currently pay about \$2.6 million in taxes in the service area; \$556,577.00 of that is paid in Valley County, there are 24 employees that work in the Glasgow office with 17 students in the school system and they donate approximately \$122,000.00 annually through sponsorships and donations in the area. They have 80 locally owned cell phone towers in NE Montana and a total of 118 in Montana. He then talked about the tragic incident that happened in January of 2009 and how two technicians and a manager erected a cell phone tower on top of the Nemont building to be able to provide cell phone service that they didn't have prior to that time for several hours. After Gregg was finished, Mayor Karst said that there is a meeting set up for April 7th, Gregg said he had to decline the meeting for the time it was set for because he had another meeting that day. City Clerk Amundson told the council she had the meeting set for 4:30 p.m. that day and Gregg sent back a response to change the time to 9:00 am. Chief Weber said he is going to meet with Gregg tomorrow morning and see if they can get things figured out and update the council after that.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor