

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 2, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Koski, Heitman, Austin, Carr, and Nistler. Council member Ozark was absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna, Chief Weber, and Captain Edwards. Candy Lagerquist, Tess Fahlgren, Alex Williams, and Pam Heikens. City Clerk Amundson, Jeff Ashely from Morrison-Maierle, and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Offices for Council members Koski, Austin, and Heitman.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for January 2, 2024 in the amount of \$111,735.51, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,318.96, and the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption the first reading of **Ordinance No. 982** – An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Glasgow, Montana; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing A Penalty for the Violation Thereof; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code; and Providing When Such Code and This Ordinance Shall Become Effective. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 982** for first reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. City Clerk Amundson explained this ordinance is to adopt the recodification of the city code and City Attorney Pekovitch has reviewed and approved the ordinance for adoption. **Ordinance No. 982** was unanimously adopted for first reading. Second reading of **Ordinance No. 982** will be at the January 16th Council meeting.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption the first reading of **Ordinance No. 983** – An Ordinance Amending Section 16A-4(4) of Ordinance No. 860 to Change the Minimum Age Requirements of Members of the Police Department of Glasgow, Montana, and thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow Montana. Chief Weber stated he would like the capped age of 40 removed from the ordinance, since any officer who applies for the position has to complete multiple examinations to be considered for the position. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 983** with the modification of removing the age cap of 40. Council member Nistler seconded the motion; whereby **Ordinance No. 983** was unanimously adopted with the said modification. Second reading of **Ordinance No. 983** with the modification will be at the January 16th Council meeting.

DPW Skubinna asked the council to table the award of the raw water transmission main river crossing project to Thompson Contracting until the January 16, 2024 council meeting.

Captain Edwards told the council that the background checks on Alex Williams will be completed this week. They feel he is a good candidate for this position. Alex Williams then introduced himself to the council. Council member Heitman made a motion to hire Alex Williams for the open police officer position contingent on the completion of the background checks. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated the committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on January 17th at 1:30 p.m. and then will have the quarterly meeting following at 2:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or grant. City Attorney Pekovitch said she will get City Clerk Amundson the ordinances that are completed and she will be able to set up a meeting after that.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber mentioned the department went through another hiring process a couple weeks ago and are now doing background checks on a potential candidate. They are receiving additional applications, so they may do another hiring process in the near future.

City Clerk Amundson said she will start working on year end tax forms this week and should be in the mail by next week.

City Attorney Pekovitch stated she has been working on both civil and criminal stuff.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: Tess Fahlgren was in attendance to give the council an update on the skate park fundraising. She said they are at \$153,000.00 with \$75,000.00 of that from the Montana Pool Service. She also said that Evergreen could possibly start building in March of this year. It will be \$5,000.00 to address the drainage from the skate park at Bundy Park. She asked the council if it would be possible to set up a work session to discuss additional locations for the skate park. They agreed to a work session. City Clerk Amundson will set one up and let the council and Tess know when it will be.

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor