

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Nistler, Heitman, Schoenfelder, Karst, and Ozark. Council member Carr was absent. Those also present were City Clerk Amundson, DPW Kompel, Sergeant Edwards, Chief Gault, and City Attorney Sullivan. Todd Young, Maggan Walstad, and Ryan Hartwell were also in attendance. The media was represented by AJ Etherington of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$539,151.70; holding out claim #65010 in the amount of \$920.00 until further explanation can be received on why the check was being made payable to the City of Glasgow, the Valley Court Apartment Claims in the amount of \$3,602.64, and the minutes of the November 7, 2019, Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson stated the public hearing on the Lights, Streets, and Garbage Assessments and the City of Glasgow's budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is now open at 5:30 p.m. There was no one in attendance for or against the maintenance assessment or the City of Glasgow's budget. Mayor Erickson then closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3016** – A Resolution to Levy Basic Assessment for Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Revoking Resolution No. 2081. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3016**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3016** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3017** – A Resolution Levying Assessment of Costs of Maintenance and Electrical Power for Glasgow Lighting Districts No. 1 through 29, to defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Council member Schoenfelder moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3017**. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst; whereby **Resolution No. 3017** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3018** – A Resolution to Levy Assessment of Costs of Annual Maintenance for the Glasgow Street Maintenance District to Defray the Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3018**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder; whereby **Resolution No. 3018** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3019** – A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with an additional \$3,000.00 added to cover additional wages in the police department if they agree upon the council's counter offer to be discussed later on the agenda. Council member Karst moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3019** with the additional \$3,000.00 included. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3019** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3020** – A Resolution of the City of Glasgow City Council to Levy Additional Permissive Medical Levy Mills for Employer Group Health Insurance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3020**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3020** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3022** – A Resolution Determining the Salaries and Compensation of Elected and Appointed City Officers and all City Employees; Excluding the Glasgow Police for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020; Revoking Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and Establishing an Effective Date for Salaries and Compensation. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3022**. The motion was seconded by Council member Karst; whereby **Resolution No. 3022** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Erickson mentioned in fiscal year 2018-2019 all employees except the police officers received a \$.35 raise and in the 2019-2020 fiscal year the union and non-union employees received a \$.57 raise. Council member Karst made a motion to counter offer to the Police Department a total of \$.92 per hour wage increase; this would include both fiscal years. The

motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously. A counter offer letter will be given to the police department.

DPW Kompel is requesting up to 3 winter laborers/truck drivers if needed. Council member Karst mentioned to check with some of the bus drivers since they are already required to have a CDL and they could assist after their routes are completed in the morning. Council member Karst made a motion approving the hiring of up to 3 winter laborers/truck drivers if needed. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion appointing Tammy Dunn to the Board of Housing for Valley Court for a term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion appointing Joe Rennick to the Board of Housing for Valley Court for a term of one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Erickson reported John and DPW Kompel will be researching the permit process to allow the city to alter a small portion of the levee.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – NONE

- Approval of Change Order #1 for Sletten Construction in the amount of \$30,422.06 for the Water Systems Improvement Project has been tabled again until the next meeting; the contractors have not signed off on it yet. Mayor Erickson asked for this to be removed from the agenda at this time until a progress has been made on the contractor's side.

- Discussion/Decision on selling a piece of city property, legal description: Shuland Valley View 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition and following the legal process. City Attorney Sullivan mentioned Valley County Abstract is preparing a title report for this piece of property. If it is not held in trust a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s vote of the council will be needed to sell this property. If held in trust, it will have to go to the vote of the residents. City Attorney Sullivan has also talked with Pete Olson and he recommended offering portions of the property to the adjacent property owners, since it is land locked.

- Approval for the Glasgow School Board to put a storage unit in Bundy Park. Ryan Hartwell was in attendance to talk to the council about the storage unit. He stated that he was in DPW Kompel's office around the first week in August to ask if he could place a storage unit near the school. He said that DPW Kompel was going to talk with the Mayor that evening and if he didn't hear back, it would be ok to purchase. DPW Kompel replied to his comment that it would have to go to council for approval. Mayor Erickson said that it sounds like there has been some mixed communication with this and a meeting with the City Attorney, DPW Kompel, Ryan Hartwell, Superintendent of Schools Wade Sundby, and her will be set up for this week.

- Discussion/Decision on gifting agricultural commodities to the City of Glasgow for donations towards the swim pool. Maggan Walstad explained to the council how this would work. After a farmer/rancher takes their commodities to sale, a phone call would be made to the city and then the city office would give the go ahead to sell that same day. Council member Karst made a motion to allow the city to receive agricultural commodities for donations to the pool. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder, and carried unanimously.

- Quotes for new chairs for the council chambers are due to the city office by November 26, 2019.

Mayor Erickson reported that there was a Valley Court meeting and all rents have been reviewed; a member of the community is interested in purchasing it and will be given a tour. The Home funds from the Department of Commerce for renovation of Nemont Manor have been taken back at this time, but can be reapplied for in the spring of 2020. She also mentioned three (3) interviews were conducted last week for the City Clerk position, and one will be held this week; with recommendation given at the December 2, 2019 council meeting.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, Ordinance, or Insurance. Chief Gault said that the city has been awarded the Hi-Line Communities Grant for another two (2) year period. This will allow the department to have two (2) full time Victim Witness Advocates. We've been awarded the Hi-Visibility Grant again, this time in the amount of \$3,000.00, and Kathy is researching more swim pool grants.

#### Department Head Reports:

Sergeant Edwards gave a breakdown of the 95 calls for service received in the last 2 weeks.

City Attorney Sullivan talked about the Ambulance Barn project and the Army Corp of Engineers are reviewing the permit; in the meantime, the city is allowing the contractor to finish the project. She met with Randy Holom and Dave Nixdorf from the hospital about this. Currently, there are 33 pending cases in City Court.

DPW Kompel handed out pictures of the water improvement project progress, he talked about the water intake line tie-in that happened overnight a couple weeks ago, the project is a little behind schedule, but progress is being made. He mentioned that Bishop, Inc out of Malta will be repairing the Park Street sewer issue.

Council member Ozark made the comment about removing the wards for voters within the city. Members of the community should be able to go to any member of the council and not just the ones representing their ward. This will be looked into to see how it can be accomplished.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Stacey Amundson  
City Clerk – Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson  
Mayor