

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- NOVEMBER 7, 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, Carr, Karst, and Ozark. Council member Schoenfelder was absent. Those also present were City Clerk Amundson, DPW Kompel, Officers Weber and Nolan, and City Attorney Sullivan. Todd Young was also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Karst made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for November 7, 2019 in the amount of \$76,146.59, the Valley Court Apartment Claims in the amount of \$378.34, and the minutes of the October 21, 2019, Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the annual JSEC contribution in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced **Resolution No. 3021** – A Resolution Appointing A Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for A Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Jesse Cook. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3021**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3021** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Nistler made a motion accepting the Personnel Committee's recommendation to add the new position of Assistant Director of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the Assistant Director of Public Works Job Description. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion accepting the Personnel Committee's recommendation of starting the Assistant Director of Public Works position at \$20.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst mentioned the City of Scobey allowed the gifting of agricultural commodities to raise donations for their pool. He thought maybe Megan from the swim pool board could be designated to give the approval to sell the commodities on behalf of the city. It was suggested that City Clerk Amundson contact the City of Scobey to see how they handled it; this will be tabled until the next meeting.

Council member Karst made a motion awarding the Wayfinding Signage contract to Sign Products out of Billings, MT in the amount of \$34,557.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark mentioned he had talked with a local furniture store about the cost of new council chairs and they can run anywhere from \$100.00 up to \$800.00 depending on the style of chair needed. It was decided that City Clerk Amundson will put together a letter and send it out to all local furniture stores requesting a quote for new council chamber chairs in the style similar to what is already there.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Erickson reported that John Lamb will be the new chairman of the committee, since Larry Mires has traveled south for the winter. John will be researching the permit process to allow the city to alter a small portion of the levee.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – City Clerk Amundson mentioned the paperwork for the next project will be signed tomorrow and construction can commence. The cost of this project is roughly \$44,000.00.

-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.

-Discussion/Decision on selling a piece of city property, legal description: Shuland Valley View 2nd Addition and following the legal process. DPW Kompel said this piece of property has already been vacated back in 2009. Now there will be housekeeping issues that will need to be taken care of; under subdivision regulations it will need to be surveyed and an amended plat filed. City Attorney Sullivan mentioned this piece of property may have to be put

on a ballot and voted on by the public. More information will be gathered for the next council meeting.

-Approval for the Glasgow School Board to put a storage unit in Bundy Park is tabled until the next council meeting. Mr. Kaiser has surveyed it, but he will go install pins along the property line and will have a letter to the Mayor on where the container is currently located.

Mayor Erickson reported on the DNRC kickoff meeting that was held this morning on the mapping project for the Milk River. They are currently in phase 1 and the estimated cost is \$3.5 million. It should take 5-8 years to complete for a total cost of \$7 million. She attended the Keystone Pipeline input meeting in Billings last week. We are still looking for two (2) members of the community to sit on the Valley Court Housing Board, the planning grant for Valley Court has been submitted, her and DPW Kompel met with the Commissioners on Wednesday, and interviews will be conducted next Thursday for the City Clerk position.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, Ordinance, Grant, or Insurance.

Department Head Reports:

Officer Weber stated in the past two (2) weeks the department has received 88 calls. The department is working on organization and restructuring. Officer Johnson is still in training and is set to attend the academy in January.

City Clerk Amundson said the city's annual financial report is submitted to the state and budgets will be set at the next council meeting.

DPW Kompel talked about the issue on Park Street. He contacted Lakeside from Havre and they weren't able to make any progress in the sewer line. It is currently working, but at a very slow pace. We will need to hire a contractor to replace the line. The water department is working on a leak on the south side, they initially thought it was just a leaky valve, but it looks like there is a split in the water line.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk – Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor