

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Austin, and Carr. Council member Nistler attended via conference call. Council members Ozark and Koski were absent. DPW Skubinna and Chief Weber were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Paul Provencher, and John Fontaine were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Attorney Pekovitch and City Grant Writer Byers 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 Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for September 16, 2024 in the amount of \$243,185.32, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$782.28, and the minutes of the September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3178** – A Resolution Appointing Three (3) Firefighters of the Glasgow Fire Department Following Completion of Probation. Council member Austin moved for the Adoption of **Resolution No. 3178**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3178** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3179** – A Resolution Reducing the Monthly Transfer Amount into the 1987 Waterline Restricted Cash Account. City Clerk Amundson explained that at the Budget meeting it was decided to decrease the monthly amount and if there is remaining operating cash at the end of the fiscal year additional money can be transferred into this cash account. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3179**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3179** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3180** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department for a Probationary Period of Six (6) Months – Walker Olsen. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3180**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3180** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3181** – A Resolution Calling for Bids for the Sale of the City of Glasgow's 1992 Oshkosh Snow Blower. DPW Skubinna stated the city no longer has a need for this piece of equipment and would like to put it out for bid. He recommended a minimum bid price between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Council member Austin commented \$45,000.00. Council member Carr moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3181** with a minimum bid price of \$45,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Resolution No. 3181** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Carr made a motion to approve the purchase of the add on option in utility billing to be able to email water bills in the annual amount of \$520.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler left the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Skubinna said the committee met on September 10<sup>th</sup> and focused on reviewing the draft SWIF plan. The committee was on board of the general strategy of the document for the schedule, funding, and the purpose of the SWIF plan. John Fontaine commented that the levee is 86 years old and the SWIF plan addresses a lot of the issues that haven't been documented in the past. Mayor Karst mentioned that in the meeting they had discussed that the levee doesn't just affect the southside, it also extends one block north of the highway.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel or cemetery. There will be a water committee meeting following this meeting. City Grant Writer Byers mentioned she submitted a grant application to the FMDH Foundation for the fitness court. She will also be submitting grant applications for a CIP and updating the Growth Policy. Chief Weber reported that the backup generator project is completed. City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned City Attorney O'Brien is working on the ordinances and should have them to City Clerk Amundson by Wednesday so she can set a meeting to review them.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said things have been slowing down and the training at the police department went well. Alex is working on the plan for the fundraiser and then it will go to City Attorney Pekovitch for her review before bringing it the council for their approval. In May of this year, he was chosen to be the Eastern Region Director for the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police and now they've selected him to be their representative on the Montana Board of Crime Control, which is a Governor appointed board.

DPW Skubinna updated the council on the downtown parking project and there are still the other small concrete projects to be completed. He also located an additional list of areas that need concrete work done on, so he will be meeting with the contractor to talk about adding those on to this project, so there may be a change order for this project.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she will be in town on Thursday and will meet with the departments before leaving town.

City Clerk Amundson told the council there will be a wage comp meeting next Monday at 4:30 p.m. for police department negotiations and Chief Weber has submitted a wage acceleration request to review.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the pool project.

Public Comment: Candy thanked the council for the downtown parking and said it looks good.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk-Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor