

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 15, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Koski, Ozark, and Nistler. Council member Carr was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, DPW Skubinna, City Attorney Sullivan, City Clerk Amundson, and Grant Writer Ryan. Brianna Leader, Madelyn House, and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering were in attendance. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 15, 2022 in the amount of \$94,062.91, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,578.92, and the minutes of the August 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption for second reading **Ordinance No. 981** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana, Amending Glasgow’s Building Codes and Related Technical Codes, Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 981** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 981** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 981** will become effective September 15, 2022.

Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the Extension #27 to Letter Agreement between the City of Glasgow and Montana Aviation Research Company (Marco) from September 1, 2022 until August 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3107** – A Resolution Authorizing John T Hrubes, the McCone County Attorney, to Prosecute a Defendant in Glasgow City Court. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3107**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3107** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Ozark explained the number of mills to be assessed in the new fiscal year will bring in about \$111,000.00 in additional revenues and the city will not be using all of the mills that are authorized. Council member Ozark made a motion to approve levying 313.52 mills in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, with 5.22 of these mills being allocated to the Fire Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the levy of 7.01 mills for the Permissive Medical Levy. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve a 5% increase in street maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously. City Clerk Amundson stated that the increase will be transferred into the capital projects street maintenance fund to assist with paving, repairs, and any other street maintenance that may need to be completed.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve paying \$700.00 to DPHHS for the swim pool plan review after the documents are submitted by Interstate Engineering. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin updated the council on the interviews for the City Attorney position. He stated the city had received three (3) RFQ’s and interviewed all. The interview committee is recommending Lee Pekovitch for the city’s new attorney to replace City Attorney Sullivan. Council member Koski made a motion to hire Lee Pekovitch. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously. City Clerk Amundson will contact all three (3).

The recommendation from Morrison-Maierle, Inc is to award LSC, Inc as the contractor for the sewer separation project. Council member Austin made a motion to accept Morrison-Maierle’s recommendation to hire LSC, Inc. in the amount of \$420,601.00 for the sewer separation project. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Brianna Leader was in attendance to voice her frustration with the water committee. She did thank DPW Skubinna for his assistance in this matter. Mayor Karst stated that even though the water committee was going to recommend the connection to city services without annexation, it still needed to go to the full council for final approval. Council member Austin said that the water committee said it would be ok to complete what needed to be done on their private property until this issue was brought to the full council.

Mayor Karst stated the council meetings in September will be on Tuesday the 6th and Monday the 19th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – There will be a meeting on Tuesday September 6th with DNRC and the Corps. DPW Skubinna is reviewing the SWIFT plan and the process the city needs to go through to have a certified levee.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

There was no Mayor's report.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Water or Cemetery. A personnel committee needs to be set. City Clerk Amundson said she will contact Council member Carr to set a date. Grant Writer Ryan mentioned she has been working on a grant for a Child Advocacy Center. Also, an ordinance committee meeting needs to be set to discuss the sale of recreational marijuana within the city limits.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said that they had an abandoned vehicle towed, he is working on employee evaluations, and figuring out how to get the MPO program to self-sustain itself.

City Attorney Sullivan wanted to know when the new city attorney will start as she would like to bring them up to speed on things going on. City Clerk Amundson will let her know as soon as she makes contact with Lee tomorrow.

DPW Skubinna updated the council on the status of the intake project, he is hoping to have a recommendation for the council at the 2nd meeting in September after the leak detection company is here. He will also be meeting with Rural Development to discuss the funding package and if our scope of work changes, what that could do to that package.

Public Comment: Council member Koski mentioned that GNDC will work with a utility company to offer a no interest loan up to \$1.5 million and it would be up to 10 years. It may be a financing option for the new swim pool.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor