

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 19, 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, Koski, Ozark, and Carr. Council member Nistler was absent. DPW Skubinna, Street Foreman Runningen, and Recreation Director Casterline were also in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Karen Breigenzer, Tess Fahlgren, Paul Provencher, Devin Rasmusan, and Madelyn House. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch 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 Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 19, 2024 in the amount of \$102,661.02, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$832.58, and the minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at second reading **Ordinance No. 985** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Official Code of the City of Glasgow (OCCG) to remove the License Requirement for Dancing in a Bar. Council member Austin made a motion approving **Ordinance No. 985** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Ordinance No. 985** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 985** will become effective September 19, 2024.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at first reading **Ordinance No. 986** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 34 of the Official Code of the City of Glasgow (OCCG) Regarding Snow Removal Within the City Limits. Council member Koski made a motion approving **Ordinance No. 986** for first reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Ordinance No. 986** was unanimously adopted for first reading. The second reading of **Ordinance No. 986** will be held at the September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at first reading **Ordinance No. 987** – An Ordinance Setting Forth the Establishment, Rules, and Regulations of the City of Glasgow Skate Park. Council member Austin made a motion approving **Ordinance No. 987** for first reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Ordinance No. 987** was unanimously adopted for first reading. The second reading of **Ordinance No. 987** will be held at the September 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Council member Ozark asked if the city court judge had moved into the court house to be away from the police department. Mayor Karst said she did and both parties would like to keep that separation. There was discussion on the space in the police department building. Mayor Karst said that all the offices are full. Council member Ozark wanted to know when the police department hires two more officers where will they be placed. Mayor Karst mentioned at the budget meeting they will only be able to hire one additional officer and they will be place in the squad room where the other officers are. Council member Ozark thought that the police department building would be able to be used for other things also, but with all the space being used, that wouldn't be able to happen. Mayor Karst then asked for a motion to approve the lease agreement for city court between Valley County and the City of Glasgow for a three (3) year period beginning October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027. Council member Ozark made the motion to approve and seconded by Council member Heitman, motion carried.

DPW Skubinna explained the Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive Project. This project will replace approximately 1500' feet of water main including service lines up to the curb stops, 1600 linear feet of sewer lining which will extend the life of the main about 50 additional years and the road replacement is highly needed. There will be 50,000 square feet of pavement replaced, 925 feet of curb, 725 linear feet of sidewalk, 2 ADA crossings, and drainage improvements. He said the options for the council at this time are to table it to gather additional information, decide to reject the bids and rebid or not rebid the project, or award the project. Council member Koski wanted to know about how long it will affect the residence in that area. DPW Skubinna said he will work with the contractors to make sure they have reasonable access to their properties. Mayor Karst asked DPW Skubinna where this project is budgeted for. He said between the remaining BaRSSA money, the HB 355 money, the water fund, and the sewer fund. Council member Austin made a motion to award the Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive project to JR Civil of Montana, LLC in the amount of \$1,918,594.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for Corland Construction in the amount of \$94,710.01 for the foundation walls and associated components with utility subs for the future bathhouse adjacent to the swimming pool. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving to levy 325.86 mills in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, with 7.96 of these mills being allocated to the fire relief fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving to levy 8.70 mills for the permissive medical levy for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion to increase the street maintenance assessment by 5% for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated the September council meetings will be Tuesday the 3rd and Monday the 16th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Skubinna said there is nothing new to report from the last meeting.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, cemetery, or grant. City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned City Attorney O'Brien is working on additional ordinances and should have them ready to go before the next council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

City Attorney Pekovitch told the council that the police department has been keeping her busy.

Street Foreman Running said that they have been busy with the streets and in the parks. They will work on patching next week and finish up striping tomorrow morning.

Mayor Karst reported for Chief Weber. The police department is in the process of installing a backup generator in case of a power outage.

There was no mayor's report.

Public Comment: Council member Koski was asked by a member of the community who will be doing the swim pool sprinkler system and if it will be put out to bid or not. Mayor Karst said that will be dealt with after the swim pool construction is completed in the spring. Candy Lagerquist inquired on the status of the downtown parking project. DPW Skubinna said the schedule has not been set yet. Candy also mentioned that a lady had fallen outside of the BS Buzz and if the city will be held negligent if someone falls and breaks a bone. Mayor Karst said it will go back to the property owner. City Attorney Pekovitch said that she has been working with Code Compliance Officer Dees and he has been talking with the property owner to see if they can get on the city's sidewalk replacement project and is going to go over and take measurements tomorrow. Discussion continued on the sidewalk program.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor