

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- APRIL 3, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Nistler, Heitman, Koski, and Ozark. Council member Carr was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, DPW Skubinna Code Compliance Officer Dees, Grant Writer Ryan, and Assistant City Clerk Frueh. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was in attendance and City Grant Writer Beyers attended via conference call. There was no media representation.

Council member Heitman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: There was no Public Comment.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for April 3, 2023 in the amount of \$120,231.03, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,373.00, and the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated that the public input on the Transportation Alternatives Program Application will now be conducted. DPW Skubinna mentioned this was talked about during the December and January council meetings. It will be for home run pond and the walking path from Meadow and Robinson Court to Irle School. He explained to the council that this trail will provide connectivity and we will be able to install ADA compliant cross walks at 10th, 11th, Jet Drive, and Valley View. The other members present were in favor of this trail project to provide a safe walking trail for the residents within the city.

Council member Austin made a motion preapproving the hiring of six (6) summer laborers. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst mentioned the interest to participate in the short-term investment program (STIP) through the Montana Board of Investments was brought up by the swim team and currently they have a higher interest rate than the local banks do. The swim pool committee would like to take some of their donations and invest in this program. The money is easily accessible. The committee had also talked about investing in CD's, but the money would be unavailable for a period of time. He stated that the city used to be a part of the program, but a new resolution and paperwork would have to be filled out that City Clerk Amundson is familiar with, but approval would have to be given first to move in that direction. Council member Koski made a motion to participate in the STIP program. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Mayor Karst asked City Grant Writer Beyers what the current interest rate is. Currently it's between 4 and 5%. Motion carried.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering updated the council on the new swim pool plans. He said he's been working with the committee and they wanted to keep the same layout of the pool as in the previous bid documents, but remodel the existing bathhouse. The mechanics will be in a separate building on the property. The pool will have new water and sewer lines ran that will feed both buildings. The bid will be published on April 5, 12, and 26, with bid opening on May 3, 2023. Council member Nistler made a motion approving the updated pool construction plans to go out for bid. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the call for bids for the City of Glasgow's repurchase agreement for June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna said he had received an email from the Corps, but is unsure if that is the full response from his letter he sent in February. He also had a call from the Corps that he needs to return.

There was no mayor's report.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel or cemetery. There was discussion if a water committee meeting was needed or not regarding making sure all city keys are returned after leaving employment. Grant Writer Ryan said she has applied for the Valley County Community Foundation Grant to be able to purchase play set for the child victims to be installed at the police department. An ordinance committee meeting will be held after the next council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Code Compliance Officer Dees updated the council on the status of the Jaycee building. He mentioned he had talked with Megan at the library on some updates that need to be completed. She just wanted to make sure it was ok to do since it's the city's building, but the updates will be coming out of their budget. He also worked with Teagan at Interstate Engineering for Soma-Dis to be able to get their beer and wine license. He made a list of what needs to be completed in order for the city to sign off on the documentation.

DPW Skubinna stated they have been working on the southside to open up the inlets for the storm drains to allow the excess water to flow into them off of the streets. He also said the street sweeper has been completely rebuilt and should be delivered to us soon.

Chief Weber said the new officer will officially start in uniform next week. Next week there will be a training held at the police department there are currently 60 participants signed up.

Council member Koski asked if the city would be interested in having a splash park. There is a grant coming open through the Office of Tourism. The Chamber in Havre was just awarded \$100,000.00 to have one installed. Mayor Karst said the swim pool committee and the Recreation Board have been talking about it, but it would have to be after the new pool is completed.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alicia Frueh
Assistant City Clerk

Rod Karst
Mayor