

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 7, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Carr, Ozark, Heitman, and Austin. Council members Koski and Nistler were absent. DPW Skubinna and Chief Weber were in attendance. Kristie Brabeck and Candy Lagerquist were also in attendance. 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 Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 7, 2025 in the amount of \$865,133.59, Valley Court claims in the amount of \$1,583.80, the minutes of the June 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, **Resolution No. 3203** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Law Enforcement Budget Under the General Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Overtime Costs, **Resolution No. 3204** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Glasgow Police Department for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, and **Resolution No. 3205** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Glasgow Police Department for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Stone Garden Program. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3206** – A Resolution Determining the Salaries and Compensation of Elected and Appointed City Officers and All City Employees; For the Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Revoking Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and Establishing an Effective Date for Salaries and Compensation. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3206**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3206** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the March and April 2025 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the Amended Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Glasgow and Valley County for the City-County Library from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the park permit for Norval Electric Cooperative for their annual employee barbeque. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained this is the project that will repair the fully compromised sewer on lower Division Street. Council member Ozark made a motion approving the public works construction contract between the City of Glasgow and Missing Link Gravel, LLC in the amount for \$37,535.00 for the sewer rehabilitation project on lower Division Street. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Mayor Karst stated when he drove by the project it looked like they didn't pull the sewer pipe through and just trenched it in. DPW Skubinna explained that they had excavated a portion of the top of the hill to get the pipe opened up so they could get a pipe burst started down the pipe as well as expose the first service line that will have to be attached to the new sewer line. Motion carried.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the recommendation from the wage compensation committee to pay \$900.00 towards the MMIA health insurance and the police departments in lieu of benefits for fiscal year 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson to explain the request for reduction in Leslie Bishop's deferred loan agreement. City Clerk Amundson explained back in 2018 there was money available from CDBG, this was the project that Brianna Vine from GNDC was in charge of. After her project was completed, there was a lien put on the house and for every year she remains in the house, 6.6% is written off. The next reduction in her amount owed will come in November of 2025. City Clerk Amundson stated Leslie had contacted her a few weeks ago to ask if there could be a reduction in the amount she owes before November. Amundson had talked with Tori from GNDC, City Grant Writer Byers, and City Attorney Pekovitch to see if there were any stipulations where this couldn't be done. The all agreed that the only way it could be reduced before November would be if the council approved it. Mayor Karst mentioned even with the reduction it would still leave the city with about \$58,000.00 in that fund to move forward with other projects. There have been other people who have applied for this, but it's been on hold for a few years. Council member Ozark wanted to know why she is asking for a reduction on the deferred loan balance. Mayor Karst said that she wants to pay it off. City Clerk Amundson said from what Leslie has explained to her is with this loan and the loan on her house and the amount she was asking for her house, she wouldn't have enough remaining for a down payment on another house in another state, and City Clerk Amundson told her all she could do is ask the council. Council member Ozark asked City Clerk Amundson if she had a recommendation on this agenda item. City Clerk Amundson said that if we wait until November, then the deferred loan balance will come down to around \$55,000.00 or something close to that. Mayor Karst asked City Attorney Pekovitch if she has any input on it

for the council. She said that it's completely up to the council on what they would want to do and if the council decides to go with the prorated amount, they may set a precedent that others may want to do. Council member Austin made a motion to deny the request to reduce Leslie Bishop's deferred loan agreement by \$4,006.93. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. There was discussion on setting a precedent and how the city had already assisted with this program. Motion carried. City Clerk Amundson will contact her to let her know the council's decision.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna told the council that the levee committee meeting that was scheduled for July 9th at 2:00 p.m. has been moved to July 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: There were no reports Personnel, Water, Ordinance, or Cemetery. Chief Weber reported on the Mason Moore grant that the police department was awarded to assist with the purchase of new tasers. They will have a training this week on them.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna mentioned he's working on getting quotes for some patch work that needs to be completed on the water and sewer digs that have been done within the past year. He is also working on getting information for the budgets that are due this week.

Council member Carr commented on how nice the Rundle Suites sidewalk looks.

Chief Weber stated that since the playground has been installed, they have received a lot of good feedback on it. After the new budgets are set, they are going to look at adding a fence area around it and some trees. Cory has successfully finished his FTO program and is working on getting enrolled in the basic equivalency program that is a two (2) week program that is paid for by the state. On Monday both Captain Edwards and himself will be going to Sidney to attend the funeral for the Roosevelt County Sheriff who just passed away.

There then was discussion on the fireworks from over the weekend.

City Clerk Amundson told the council that the budget request sheets had been emailed out a few weeks ago and are due back by July 9th. She has been working on inputting the budget information she has already received. She also mentioned that she had talked with Chief Weber earlier today and the Deputy Clerk applicant has passed the background check and will be on the July 21, 2025 council meeting agenda for approval to hire. She reached out to the candidate to let them know and the tentative start date will be July 28th.

City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she has been busy with the police department and court is currently being held three (3) times a month.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the swim pool construction project. He said that there are rumors going around that the contract quit and wasn't going to finish the job. That rumor is not true, it was an employee who quit the company that is work on the pool project. The liner is being installed this week and the pool should be able to be filled starting next week. The bathhouse is behind schedule, but they are looking at opening the pool this year for a bit.

Public Comment: Candy Lagerquist inquired on the sidewalk project and how that is coming along. DPW Skubinna said that at this time measurements have been done on the listing that the city currently has. Mayor Karst asked City Clerk Amundson if letters had been mailed out to the contractors yet on this project. She said that they haven't been sent yet as she's still trying to get the finishing touches on the bid documents.

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

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor