

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- AUGUST 21, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Nistler, Koski, and Carr. Council member Ozark was absent. Also present were and DPW Skubinna, Chief Weber, Captain Edwards and City Grant Writer Beyers. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Candy Lagerquist Cole Stutheit, and John Kulczyk were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for August 21, 2023 in the amount of \$286,788.11 and the minutes of the August 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving to levy 320.40 mills in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, with 7.9 of these mills being allocated to the fire relief fund. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the levy of 4.61 mills for the permissive medical levy fund for fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving to levy 2 mills for the disaster fund for last fiscal year's flooding repairs. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Mayor Karst stated by levying these 2 mills the City of Glasgow is able to receive federal disaster money to assist with the repairs. Motion carried.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the 5% increase for the Street Maintenance Assessments. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna passed out information received from Interstate Engineering on diagonal parking for both 3rd Street South and 2nd Avenue South. In the handout it explained the advantages and disadvantages of back-in-parking. The diagonal parking on 3rd Avenue South would add approximately 40 parking spots and 4 handicapped spots. It is also possible to add two (2) 5' bike lanes on each side of the road. DPW Skubinna mentioned this would help with trail connectivity from the levee out to Sullivan Park. On 2nd Avenue South, diagonal parking would only be on the southside of the road. Cost estimates provided for 3rd Street south including both bike lanes are \$9,450.00 and the estimated cost for 2nd Avenue South would be \$2,685.00. DPW Skubinna said that in Montana Code 61-8-355 gives the governing body the authority to designate diagonal parking by ordinance. Mayor Karst told those in attendance that an email was received from Madelyn House and she is in favor of diagonal parking on 2nd Avenue South and he had also talked with Peggy Aakre that owns the Flower Shop and she is also in favor of this. Candy Lagerquist handed out a quote to the council in the amount of approximately \$2,000.00 from Jory Wall to stripe and paint the parking area downtown. One of the concerns that was discussed is pickup and drop off areas for Valley County Transit, UPS, and Fed-Ex vehicles. After further discussion, Council member Koski made a motion to proceed forward with back-in-diagonal parking. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

John Kulczyk was in attendance to discuss with the council his BLM property and Lasar Drive that goes through his property. He brought in a quit claim deed that was signed in 2015 along with a print out of his property from the Montana Cadastral showing his property lines. He mentioned if the road remains where it is, he would like a credit on his property taxes for the amount of the square footage of the road. He also stated that he is ok with any easements that may need to be drawn up for the water and sewer lines that run through his property. Council member Nistler made a motion to proceed forward with following the road and a reduction of his taxes based on the square footage of the road. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to table the approval of right-of-way abandonment of a portion of 13th Avenue North for the use of a drive thru. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated the council meetings in September will be on Monday September 11th and Monday September 18th due to the Labor Day holiday and no quorum available on September 5th.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated that the next Levee Committee meeting will be on September 6, 2023.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. City Grant Writer Beyers reported that seven (7) different applications are being worked on for the swim pool bathhouse. The Sullivan Park Fish Pond project should start in the spring of 2024 and she will work with DPW Skubinna on the preliminary planning. We

are still waiting an award announcement on the MT Transportation Alternative Program grant to pave the path to Irle School. An ordinance committee meeting will be held following this meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said that his department has been busy and they ordered the playground equipment that they received a grant for from the Valley County Community Foundation. They will start assembling the equipment in the next few weeks.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she would like a final budget review meeting and wage comp next Monday August 28th starting at 4:30 p.m. She also finished and submitted the water and sewer reports to USDA Rural Development that are due at the end of this month.

There was no Mayor's report.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor