

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Koski, Ozark, Heitman, and Carr. Council member Nistler was absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna, Chief Weber, and Grant Writer Ryan. Candy Lagerquist, Travis Young, Jan Swanson, Tess Fahlgren, Randon Stormer, Matt Austin, Rene Clampitt, and Kaden Bedwell and John Bach from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, Chief Weber, City Grant Writer Beyers, and City Attorney Pekovitch 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 November 6, 2023 in the amount of \$312,249.38, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,979.04, and the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark opened the two (2) bids received for the City of Glasgow's water department's sewer jetter. The first bid was from the Town of Opheim in the amount of \$5,111.00 and the second was from the Town of Nashua in the amount of \$5,500.00. Council member Austin made a motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to approve the snow removal maintenance memorandum of agreement between the City of Glasgow and Valley County. The motion was seconded by Council member Lisa. DPW Skubinna explained the city will maintain the following county portion of city streets: Highland Drive, 7th Street North, and Ayr Street. The county will maintain the following city portion of streets: Airport Road and Scotty Pride Drive. Motion carried.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the non-bargaining employees wage increase of 4.1% according to the federal 2023 wage matrix. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the professional services agreement between the City of Glasgow and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC (AES2) in the amount of \$332,390.00 for the Hall Terrace and Hurley Drive water and sewer main replacement along with street repair/replacement project. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the professional services agreement between the City of Glasgow and Benchmark Land Surveying, Inc in the amount of \$30,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski. DPW Skubinna explained that this surveying contract is a component of the Hall Terrace and Hurley Drive project. Motion carried.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the hospital proposal review committee meeting. He said that the portion of 5th Avenue South that is located between the hospital and Hoyt Park will not be abandoned because of the city's utilities that are located under the street. They talked about modifying the 2nd entrance into the parking lot. The committee is still waiting on confirmation from the attorneys to see if the portion of Hoyt Park is able to be sold; after the information is received the committee will meet again. He also stated the initial proposal amount is still negotiable.

Travis Young was in attendance to inquire on the next steps for the Skate Park Committee so they can move forward with design and construction. Council member Ozark said the council needs to make a decision on exactly where to allow the skate park. After a decision is made by the city council, they will meet with the skate park committee to move forward. Council member Ozark would like this on the next agenda to vote on the location. Council member Koski voiced her concerns that the committee did not do its due diligence speaking to all the neighbors around Bundy Park. After further discussion a public input meeting will be held on December 4, 2023 at the regular council meeting. City Clerk Amundson will put together a publication for this meeting and include that written support or objections can be mailed or dropped off at the city office before December 4th.

Council member Ozark left the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated the monthly meeting will be held November 15th and the quarterly meeting will be held in January.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for water or cemetery. Council member Carr said that he and the mayor met with some employees on concerns they had. Grant Writer Ryan said the police department was awarded a \$4,300.00 grant from AgWest for software upgrades and the check will be presented following the council meeting. After updated ordinances are received from City Attorney Pekovitch, a meeting will be set.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said his department has been busy. They will conduct a hiring process on November 29th. They have received four (4) applications. He mentioned closing off Bonnie, Aberdeen, and a portion of Cloud Street for Halloween was a success this year and it should be continued next year.

DPW Skubinna talked about the Town Hall meeting he attended today about HB355 and the city will receive about \$245,000.00.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering mentioned the swim pool committee met and they decided to tear down the existing bathhouse and rebuild.

City Clerk Amundson expanded on the Town Hall meeting. She said there is a 25% cash match to the entire project cost, not just the amount the city will receive. Mayor Karst inquired on the RFPs for a new auditor. City Clerk Amundson said she received confirmation from the city attorney that she can call around to other firms to see if they would be interested and will probably start this process over the next month or so.

Mayor Karst said there may be someone interested in the Valley Court Apartments. He also talked about the city acquiring the JC building to demolish; the current owner has some concerns about any money that may be made on the property; so, she was given two (2) options; 1) make a donation to the pool in her name or 2) use that money to start a fund to assist others who may be in her position for assistance with demolition of other buildings; we are still waiting to hear back. Also, the BNSF building should be demolished within the next week.

Public Comment: Council member Koski said the Star Lodge is now closed and is currently owned by the bank. There is also a \$2.75 million grant for tourism that will be available to apply for.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor