

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MARCH 17, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Council President Ozark. The following Council members were present: Carr, Nistler, Koski, and Austin. Council member Heitman was attended via conference call. DPW Skubinna was also in attendance. Mike Lackner, Rene Clampitt, and Candy Lagerquist were in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Council President Ozark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: Rene Clampitt wanted to know if there was going to be discussion on the trap club's request. Council President Ozark said there would be.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for March 17, 2025 in the amount of \$122,943.99, Valley Court claims in the amount of \$4,891.29, and the minutes of the March 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mike Lackner said that he is working through AgWest to receive grant money to add a community garden to the shooting range on the south end of the trap club. There is interest from the community to be involved in this project. Council President Ozark asked DPW Skubinna if it was just a change of use to the agreement. DPW Skubinna said he was unsure of that, but there may be a zoning conflict, but it would need to be looked into. Mike mentioned that Code Compliance Officer Dees told him to write a letter to the council requesting approval. Council President Ozark asked the council what their preference would be in moving forward. DPW Skubinna said the rezoning process would be between 30-60 days. There are no issues with the council on having the community garden. Mike Lackner stated the only question that came up is how far down they would be digging into the ground, but they will be using raised garden beds. He is wanting to start around the 1st of May. Council President Ozark said that this will be put on the April 7th agenda for approval after a report back on the zoning status. DPW Skubinna mentioned that property is in the county and not annexed into the city. Council member Austin then made a motion approving the Glasgow Trap Club to add a community garden to the shooting range. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council President Ozark introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3193** – A Resolution Appointing a Firefighter of the Glasgow Fire Department Following Completion of Probation – Walker Olsen. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3193**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3193** was unanimously adopted.

City Clerk Amundson explained that she had almost 80 hours to use and had been trying to take days when she can. Council President Ozark stated that we have done this in previous years for other employees. Council member Koski made a motion approving the extension of City Clerk Amundson's excess vacation until June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Nistler asked if this was going to be regular occurrence or just not able to take time off this year and Council member Koski said that the office has been short staffed also. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna stated that we are looking at applying for phase two (2) of the Mountain and Plains Environmental Justice Grant to assist with another project on the levee.

Committee Reports: There were no reports Water, Personnel, Cemetery or Grant. An Ordinance Committee meeting will be held following the April 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna talked about the multiple water breaks and the difficulty digging with the frost. The approximate cost for the emergency repairs is around \$44,000.00. The sewer project on Division Street is around \$7,500.00 for repairs. Council member Koski inquired why a local contractor wasn't used for the emergency repairs. DPW Skubinna said that a part of it was an equipment issue and the 2nd piece to that is the equipment that was needed was already in town to handle that size of a project. If it was a different circumstance the proper procurement would've been completed. Council President Ozark asked if the advertisement for the water/sewer supervisor position has been advertised yet. DPW Skubinna said it has been advertised and there is an interview scheduled for tomorrow. Council member Austin wanted to know about the water break behind Reynolds. DPW Skubinna said its from an old cast iron pipe and there was a break back there a couple years ago that had been repaired. He also talked about the water preliminary engineering report that is being worked on that will address replacement of the 11-15 blocks of cast iron pipe. The cost to replace the cast iron pipes would be between \$4-\$6 million. After it is finished the city can apply for funding to assist with the cost of the project. Council President Ozark asked where the funding would come from and it's uncertain at this time. DPW Skubinna said that it's difficult for us to find funding is because our water and sewer rates are so low, so the city doesn't qualify for some of the grant programs. It was suggested to move forward on a water/sewer rate study. Council President Ozark asked City Clerk Amundson to include it on the next agenda for the mayor's consideration and to take it to the water committee. A planning board meeting will need to be scheduled as the city has received an encroachment permit that needs to be reviewed by them. The permit is for a couple of monitoring wells that would be placed in the street. He also talking about the class he attended at

rural water that was put on my MMIA that talked about the claims process and preserving evidence related to potential court cases. There was discussion on filling potholes and 7th Street North.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she is working on finalizing the park permit this week, the letter for the auditors, and next Thursday she will be in town and Code Compliance Officer Dees and herself will drive around town and look for lots that need to be cleaned up and send letters to them.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned Mayor Karst wanted her to ask if any council member would be willing to be a representative on the Action for Northeastern Montana Focus Group Board. Council member Heitman will be the city's representative.

There was no Mayor's report.

Public Comment: Mike Lackner mentioned the mayor had asked him about an update on the FWP grant to upgrade the shooting ranges. He said that he has met with Tim Potter and they are waiting from a representative to come from Helena to tour the ranges and then they will go from there.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Stan Ozark
Council President