

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 6, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Heitman, Carr, Koski, Nistler, and Ozark. Also present were Chief Weber, Compliance Officer Dees, Street Foreman Runningen, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd, Officer Nolan, Grant Writer Ryan, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Clerk Amundson 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 Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 6, 2022 in the amount of \$93,268.72, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,470.98, and the minutes of the May 23, 2022 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst stated we will now conduct the bid opening for the city's gas and fuel for fiscal year 2022-2023. One bid was received from Ezzie's Wholesale; No 1 Diesel (red), rack price 5.0131 with add on \$.20 for a total per gallon \$5.2131, No 2 Diesel (red), rack price \$4.6596 with add on \$.20 for a total per gallon \$4.8596, Unleaded rack price \$3.952 with add on \$.53564 for a total of \$4.48764 per gallon. Council member Ozark made a motion to take the bid under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the Animal Shelter contract for fiscal year 2022-2023 between the City of Glasgow and Valley Vision Paints. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3098** – A Resolution of Intention of the City of Glasgow, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Water Charges are Imposed and to Increase Rates for Users of the System. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3098**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. Council member Ozark explained that this resolution will increase the base rate by 2% for the next five (5) years and will go into effect in October of this year. So, for a residential water service it will go from \$28.15 to \$28.71 and increase of \$.56. It is more acceptable to the residents to have a smaller increase each year, then all at once. If the city applies for funding, the entities require a certain base rate, having the smaller increases will allow us to be in compliance. Motion passed and **Resolution No. 3098** was adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3099** – A Resolution of Intention of the City of Glasgow, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Sewer Charges Are Imposed and to Increase Rates for the Users of the System. Council member Nistler moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3099**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3099** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3100** – A Resolution of Intention of the City of Glasgow, Montana to Modify the Basis on Which Bulk Water Charges Are Imposed and to Increase Bulk Water Rates for the Users of the System and Add an Annual Bulk Water Card Fee. Council member Austin moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3100**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski. Mayor Karst stated that our current rate is about \$5.00 per 1000 gallons and the increase will go to \$10.00 per 1000 gallons. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd said last fiscal year the department sold around 800,000 gallons of water and only made \$4,000.00. The increase will help with the cost of treatment. The annual bulk water card fee will help cover the cost of replacement water cards. Motion carried and **Resolution No. 3100** was adopted.

The public hearing for the rate increases will be held on July 5, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3101** – A Resolution Authorizing the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Department of Justice to Prosecute State V. Todd Kolstad, Cause Number TK-2021-0205. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3101**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. City Attorney Sullivan explained that the city can hire an outside attorney for a case that there may be a conflict. Council member Carr abstained; **Resolution No. 3101** was adopted.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the Ordinance Committee meeting that was held last week. They would like to recommend updating the wording in the demolition code to include \$500.00 per structure 4001 square feet and over of structure. In the current code it goes from \$300.00 per structure up to 4,000 and then \$500.00 per 8,000 square feet and nothing between 4,000 and 8,000 square feet. Council member Koski made a motion to accept the recommendation to update the wording in the code to include 4001 square feet per structure starting at \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the termination of the contract between the City of Glasgow and City Attorney Sullivan effective August 31, 2022, per her written request. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst said he has received the inspection report from the Corps and it came back unacceptable, but the levee issues are still being worked on.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – Mayor Karst said the next project should be started soon; he is just waiting on the new contract to come through to be signed.

-Update on water/sewer claim submitted to MMIA for Adam Johnson and Amber Wagoner – Mayor Karst stated that the claim has been denied from MMIA and falls under the Montana Statute of Repose. He stated he feels badly about the situation, but the city can't set a precedent and assist with payment on the claim.

Mayor Karst said there will be a housing meeting in Wolf Point at the GNDC office and the cemetery gate is being worked on and progress is being made.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, or Ordinance. Grant Writer Ryan talked about the MBCC grant application, the Vision Zero grant, and she is working on a grant to be able to acquire gym equipment for the police department. She also mentioned the meeting with MBCC and they are taking funding away from the VOCA grant for the MPO position.

Department Head Reports:

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd mentioned on from July 19th to the 21st mapping of the GPS software will take place. There is a grant for the 1st year payment of the software, then it will be \$350.00 annually. She has started the leak detection on the transmission main and has found a bent valve on crossing #4; when the ground dries up, she will go out and assess it further. The pump specialist company came and assessed the lift station pumps and they will be sending a quote for repairs and training on those.

Street Foreman Runningen said his department will start working on pot holes again, he needs to get oil for the durapatcher, he's delivered picnic tables and barricades for last weekends event and will do the same for the All-Class Reunion coming up. He also talked about the issues with the Sweeper.

Chief Weber told the council that the 120th Anniversary of the Glasgow Police Department went well, he is working on employee evaluations, and the dog/cat vaccination clinic will be held at the department on June 16th.

Officer Nolan said Officer Rapp is in his 3rd week of FTO and is on day shift this week.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned she is reviewing the Valley Court lease, has been working on criminal cases, and will have the FEMA ordinance complete for the next meeting.

Code Compliance Officer Dees said he's been working on weedy lots and trying to figure out how to address slide outs on campers. He's had some inquiries on the Roosevelt Hotel and assisting with building permits.

City Clerk Amundson said that she has sent budget request forms out to the department heads they are due back by 5:00 pm on June 17th. She also reminded the council of the Municipal Summit that is happening tomorrow at the fire hall.

Public Comment: None

Council member Ozark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor