

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- APRIL 17, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Carr, Heitman, and Koski. Council members Nistler and Ozark were absent. Also present were DPW Skubinna and Code Compliance Officer Dees. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was in attendance. Joshua Aiken, Carolyn Bachtold, Christina Gamas, Charlie Plant, Stacie Rhoads, Pam Heikens, Nixie Gagne, and Kent and Darcia Schindler were also in attendance. Jeff Gates and Anne Miller with DES, City Attorney Pekovitch, and 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: There was no Public Comment.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for April 17, 2023 in the amount of \$76,756.05, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,253.10, and the minutes of the April 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Stacie Rhoads was in attendance and asked the council why camper parking has become an issue. Code Compliance Officer Dees said it has become a safety issue, especially for the parked campers that have their slide outs extended. The city has had issues with people living in them and they can cause accidents because drivers are unable to safely see around them. Christina Gamas said that she puts traffic cones out when her slide outs are out while she is cleaning and stocking it. Charlie Plant stated that in his neighborhood the streets are narrow and when campers are parked on it, two vehicles can't pass each other safely. Joshua Aiken asked if there could be modifications to the current ordinance regarding slide outs and parking a safe distance from the corner. Mayor Karst told the members present that they are going to discuss this further in the ordinance committee meeting that will follow this council meeting. The committee will take these comments into consideration at that meeting.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3131** – A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Montana Board of Investments of Short-Term Investment Pool and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Related Thereto. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3131**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3131** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the recommendation from the Swim Pool Committee to invest a portion of their money into the STIP Program. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the Policy and Procedure Committee recommendation to approve the Police Department reserve program documents. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna said the levee is working at this time. An emergency declaration has been signed on April 14, 2023. Anne Miller from DES said that the resolution for the 2-mill levy will be required if the governor approves state funding. The current mill levy amount for this fiscal year is \$9,374 and would be used to cover overages in the budget. The council discussed having a special council meeting on Thursday April 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

There was no mayor's report.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, grant, or ordinance. DPW Skubinna reported Dan Miller has his summer help hired and they started work today. DPW Skubinna also reported to the council about the meeting that was held on potential funding opportunities for the city.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna stated the sewer separation project has been pushed back until the beginning of May.

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 5:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
Stacey Amundson
City Clerk - Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor