

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 5, 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, Ozark, Carr, Koski, and Nistler. Also present were Chief Weber, Code Compliance Officer Dees, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd, and Grant Writer Ryan. Russell Leader was in attendance and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Michelle Bigelbach from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 5, 2022 in the amount of \$154,004.06, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,009.98, the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and **Resolution No. 3103** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the General Fund for the Glasgow Police Department for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from the Stone Garden Program. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst closed the Regular Meeting at 4:32 p.m. and opened the public hearing on water, sewer, and bulk water rate increases. There was no one in attendance for the public hearing on the increases. Mayor Karst then reopened the Regular Council meeting.

Russell Leader was in attendance to see if any further information has been received to allow him to connect to city services without having to annex. Mayor Karst said he has not received anything from the City Attorney at this time, but he will let him know as soon as he does.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3102** – A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds. He stated this year the city will receive \$83,579.00. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3102**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3102** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at Second Reading **Ordinance No. 978** – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Glasgow, Montana Amending Glasgow's Building Codes and Related Technical Codes Thereby Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Glasgow, Montana. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Ordinance No. 978** for second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Ordinance No. 978**, was unanimously adopted at second reading. **Ordinance No. 978** will become effective August 5, 2022.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the payment of Two Rivers membership dues in the amount of \$1,250.00 for fiscal year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the May 2022 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the water committee meeting and they are recommending hiring a leak detection company in the amount of \$111,600.00 to assess the entire 7.8 miles of transmission main before committing to replacing the entire line in the amount of approximately 10 million dollars. Council member Koski made a motion to hire the leak detection company. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst explained the letter of intent to meet conditions and the request for obligation of funds from USDA Rural Development for the transmission main funding package. He has signed the documents and this will lock in the lower percentage rate and will remove the BABA requirements. He also stated that just because he signed the documents doesn't mean we have to use the entire funding for the project if the council decides to phase the project or just replace what is needed. Council member Koski made a motion ratifying the mayor's signature on the documents. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

The wage compensation committee met with the police department for negotiations and they are recommending longevity of \$.27 added to July 1, 2022 wage, increasing shift differential from \$1.10 to \$2.00, and call out pay to replace on call pay. Council member Austin made a motion approving the recommendation from the wage compensation committee. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst told the council that the pool committee is about 1 million away from the proposed cost of the new swim pool. They will continue to fundraise and look for grants now that Ashleigh is on board and they are a 501 (c) 3. There was discussion on financing options, but he would like to be able to move forward with the bidding process, since the \$250,000.00 grant that we were awarded will need to be spent by the end of 2023. An option would be to demo the pool this fall and start construction, then finish construction in the spring. Another option would be to do demolition and construction starting in the spring of next year and no pool for next summer. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering said they could have the bid packets ready to go and advertised by the end of

this week. Council member Austin made a motion to move forward with the bidding process and in the meantime, continue to fundraise, look for other funding options and how it could be repaid, and grant funding. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst stated they just met with DNRC and we are behind in updating the SWIFT plan. The street department has been working on the vegetation and some of the encroachments have been removed.
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Report

Mayor Karst mentioned the RFQ for the city attorney is being advertised and is due back by 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2022.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Cemetery, or Ordinance. Grant Writer Ryan updated the council on the reports that are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of July and applications that have been submitted.

Department Head Reports:

Code Compliance Officer Dees talked about the nuisance letter that City Attorney Sullivan is working on. He's been working on weedy and junk lots. He stated that some of the abandoned houses have been torn down and updated the council on Valley Court.

Chief Weber told the council that the police department will be sponsoring a Junior Police Academy.

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd said she has been talking with Jeff Ashley from Morrison-Maierle on the Sewer Separation Project and a project walk through is set for July 28<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that there will be curb stop replacement/repair letters going out and the property owner will be given 30 days to repair, and if not fixed, the city can pay the costs up front and bill the property on their taxes for the repairs. Also, there was a hydrant that was knocked over and she wasn't sure where it went. After further discussion, Council member Austin had picked it up; Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dodd will get it from him and get it repaired.

City Clerk Amundson said that she has been working on budgets, payroll, valley court paperwork, and fiscal year end transactions.

Public Comment: None

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor