

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 6, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Carr, Heitman, Austin, Nistler, Koski, and Ozark. Also present were Chief Weber, Recreation Director Casterline and DPW Skubinna. Bob Severson, Candy Lagerquist, Jeanine Markle, Rene Clampitt, Kristie Brabeck, Erica Murphy, Matt Austin, Mark Berger, Dave Nixdorf, Karen Breigenzer, Randon Stormer, Tess Fahlgren, Mary Fahlgren, Drew Henry, and Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Attorney Pekovitch, Lynn Miller, and Beth Hopkins 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: Jeanine Markle restated her objection of the sale of a portion of Hoyt Park to FMDH as it will reduce the green space of the park and FMDH has not looked into any other surrounding area for expansion.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for May 6, 2024 in the amount of \$200,104.83, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$4,786.45, the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Resolution No. 3162 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Swim Pool Trust Fund for the Receipt and Expenditures of Monies Received from the Valley County Community Foundation, and Resolution No. 3163 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the City-County Library Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Valley County Community Foundation. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst said there are two (2) bids for the city's repurchase agreement. Council member Ozark opened them. The first bid is from Independence Bank. The business checking account has no minimum daily balance requirements, \$6.00 monthly maintenance fee plus \$.12 per check or debit items, \$.06 per credit item and \$.06 per item within a deposit, the current earning credit rate is 4.25% and earned off the average daily balance, adjusted monthly, tied to the 91-day T-bill, and target account balance to be decided by the City of Glasgow. An Insured Cash Sweep account through the IntraFi Network which would be fully FDIC insured up to \$150 million, No fees, Independence bank pays all fees to participate, interest would be priced daily of the 1-month constant maturing treasury minus 1%. The effective date of 5/6/2024 1-month CMT = 5.51%, minus 1% equals an effective rate of 4.51% for calendar day, interest accrued daily, and credited monthly. The second bid received was from Opportunity Bank. The proposed interest rate would be the Fed Funds Target rate plus 0.10%, reviewed and updated monthly. The rate as of 4/30/2024 is 5.35%, 5.48% APY. The targeted rate is similar to STIP and tends to outperform 26-month treasury bills. Interest is based on average balances, accrued daily, and credited monthly. This matches the city's current interest rate. Council member Austin made a motion to take the bids under advisement. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously. Mayor Karst stated City Clerk Amundson will review the bids and give a recommendation for award at the next council meeting.

Bob Severson was in attendance from the Highway 2 Association to talk to the council about the lifeline of the highline which is Highway 2. The smaller communities along the highline have been in demise since the construction of Interstate 94 was completed and lost 30% of the traffic flow. He has been chairman of the association since 2001 and has been working diligently with the legislature to make upgrades to Highway 2. He also mentioned the reduction in hours at the ports into Canada. He would like Glasgow to become a supporter of Highway 2 again. Council member Koski wanted to know what the city used to pay for dues to the Highway 2 association. Bob said they were \$100.00. Mayor Karst mentioned that is something the council can entertain at the next council meeting. Mayor Karst told Bob that the council wasn't against the concept, but there was no progress being made and that was why the decision was made to back out of the association.

Mayor Karst said next on the agenda is Lynn Miller and Beth Hopkins which are both online who are from Valley County Public Health and DPHHS and are asking the city to take part in a wastewater surveillance testing program. This program provides a community level data quickly and efficiently. It's independent of medical systems and doesn't depend on people having access to healthcare, seeking healthcare when ill, or availability of diagnostic disease testing. Wastewater data can show changes in disease trends 4-6 days before they are seen in clinical cases. This data can be used to inform providers and hospitals, hold testing or vaccine clinics. Samples would be taken two (2) times a week and then tested. Currently, there are seven (7) different testing sites within the state. The city tests the wastewater facility once a month. Mayor Karst wanted to know the duration of the testing that they are asking for. Beth said they currently have funding through June 30, 2026 which is what the contract is written for. Council member Ozark said other communities have been doing this for awhile and thinks it's a good idea and partnership. DPW Skubinna explained that this additional testing will be adding to the water department's workload, since we only test once a month and each sampling takes about an hour and half. Beth said that there is funding to cover the additional testing costs and the details can be worked out if this is something the council would like to do. Council member Ozark made a motion to move forward with the wastewater surveillance testing program. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously. Mayor Karst stated that DPW Skubinna will be the contact person for Lynn and Beth to keep this processing moving forward.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the February and March 2024 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the amendment #1 for Great West Engineering. This will allow them to apply for additional funding up to a half a million dollars for the closure project that is being planned for the low end of the levee. Council member Austin made a motion to approve the amendment #1 to task order #1 scope of services between the City of Glasgow and Great West Engineering in the amount of \$8,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering explained that the change order #2 from Corland Construction is for the water service line that will be installed to the mechanical building for the new swim pool. Council member Koski made a motion approving change order #2 from Corland Construction for the swim pool construction project in the amount of \$7,927.68. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna told the council the reason for the change order #1 from Thompson Construction was for them to fix the water main break west of Whatley Rd and since they were in town working on the river main crossings, they were able to fix it for the city. Council member Nistler made a motion approving change order #1 from Thompson Construction for the raw water transmission main project in the amount of \$22,914.80. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously. DPW Skubinna then talked about the bill the city received from BNSF in the amount of \$17,000.00 since they had to shut down one of their rails for the water main to be fixed. He said that a claim will be submitted to MMIA to see if they would cover the cost and if not, then the city would have to pay it, since it's part of a contract that was signed in 1986. Council member Ozark inquired on how BNSF came up with a \$17,000.00 bill. DPW Skubinna said they have an hourly rate for when the track was shut down.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the sale of a portion of Hoyt Park to FMDH for the construction of a parking lot. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler. Council member Ozark abstained; motion carried.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at first reading **Ordinance No. 984** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of the Official Code of the City of Glasgow (OCCG) to Prohibit the Placement and Use of Shipping Containers within the City Limits. Council member Koski moved to approve Ordinance No. 984 for first reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Ordinance No. 984** was unanimously adopted for first reading. The second reading of **Ordinance No. 984** will be at the May 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the hiring of Hillary Buechler for the part-time administrative position in the city office. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the amendment to the contract between the City of Glasgow and Interstate Engineering. This is for the next stage of the downtown parking concrete work, final design, striping phase, and will also include other locations within the city that need to be fixed. He wanted to have a larger concrete project to bid hoping the city will receive a few bids from contractors. Council member Koski moved to approve the short form agreement between the City of Glasgow and Interstate Engineering in the amount of \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve entering into a contract with DIS Technologies, Inc for I.T. services. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – The city acquired another \$40,000.00 grant to update the SWIF plan which will function as our CDBG match. The next meeting will be held on May 15th and will be meeting with both DNRC, FEMA and their modeling contractors.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. Chief Weber said that the Montana Board of Crime Control will be here Wednesday to conduct an audit on the Victim Witness Advocate grant. As soon as City Clerk Amundson receives the updated drafted ordinances from the City Attorney, a meeting will be scheduled. Also, a wage comp committee meeting will need to be set.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber stated business has been picking up, the torch run went well, and the PD also has a new system to track statistics. He then went over the last months call for service and tickets written. These will be posted on the PD Facebook page.

Council member Austin mentioned there was a fire behind Pizza Hut the other day. He also met with DPW Skubinna at the Northside Fire Hall to try and address the water issue. He still needs to talk with Chief Brunelle to see if there is any money available to fix the curb area.

Kaden Bedwell mentioned the concrete for the pool was supposed to be poured, but will now be delayed because of the rain.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: Tess Fahlgren was in attendance to talk about the MOU needed for the skate park for the council to be able to vote on a location. She would like to reopen the discussion of having the skate park located at Bundy. She would like the council to vote on a location at the next meeting because of the application that would have to be submitted to the Corps before June because they would be building within 500 feet of the levee. Mayor Karst would like the details worked out before going to a final vote on the location. Council member Nistler wanted to know why the council is no longer considering Hoyt Park as the location for the skate park. Mayor Karst explained after meeting with the swim pool committee and taking up space for the recreation department summer programs, they moved away from having it located in Hoyt Park. Council member Nistler made the comment that other than organized events at Hoyt; he rarely saw kids playing there. Discussion continued on the locations, summer programs, the MOU, and public hearings. It was decided to have a skate park work session following the council meeting on May 20, 2024.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor