

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Carr, Ozark, Nistler, and Austin. Council member Koski was absent. Chief Weber and DPW Skubinna were in attendance. Candy Lagerquist was also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Grant Writer Byers, and City Attorney Pekovitch 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: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for February 3, 2025 in the amount of \$100,501.91, the Valley Court claims in the amount of \$2,029.74, the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, and Resolution No. 3191 – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in Multiple Funds within the City’s Budget for the Receipt and Expenditure or Monies Received from the Sale of Surplus Property. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the payment of the FY 2025 annual dues to Great Northern Development Corporation in the amount of \$3,192.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

The approval to pay the Highway 2 Association Dues in the amount of \$100.00, dies due to lack of a motion.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst asked DPW Skubinna if he has heard back from the testimony that was given last week on funding for the levee. He has not heard anything back yet. Council member Ozark wanted to know what they were talking about. DPW Skubinna said it’s HB7. The city has a grant application in through RDG which has to go through the legislative process and we are currently ranked 13th.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel or Cemetery. DPW Skubinna mentioned during the last water committee meeting he recommended changes to the supervisor job description for the water department and the concept of possibly contracting out the operations and maintenance of the city’s water services. City Grant Writer Byers talked about funding for the fitness court and the LCWF grant. There was also discussion on the home run pond project and the additional funding Ashleigh has applied for. There are a couple of transportation grants that are opening up the beginning of March and those are both first come first serve. There will be an ordinance committee meeting following this meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said he was in Helena all last week and reminded the council of the hiring process that will take place on February 13th.

DPW Skubinna mentioned we received our water plant report back from DEQ and there are a couple small revisions that need to be completed.

City Attorney Pekovitch said she has been working on ordinances, researching to see if VRBO’s can be included in TBID, and finalizing the park permit.

There was no mayor’s report.

Public Comment: Michelle from the Courier inquired on the status of hiring Kirsten Johnson for the deputy clerk position. Mayor Karst said the background check is still being completed.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor