

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- MAY 20, 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, DPW Skubinna and City Attorney Pekovitch. Candy Lagerquist, Matt Austin, Mark Berger, Karen Breigenzer, Randon Stormer, Tess Fahlgren, Mary Fahlgren, Lisa and Matt Baxter, Pam Heikens, Neil Chouinard, Ann Kulczyk, Jan Swanson, Cindy Bishop, Travis Young, and Andy Fahlgren. City Clerk Amundson and City Grant Writer Byers 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 Nistler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for May 20, 2024 in the amount of \$171,546.94, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$629.77, the minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and **Resolution No. 3165** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in The General Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption at second 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 second reading. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin; whereby **Ordinance No. 984** was unanimously adopted for second reading. **Ordinance No. 984** will go into effect June 20, 2024.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3164** – A Resolution Establishing a Special Revenue Fund for Property Acquisition, Demolition of Blighted Structures, and Clean Up. Council member Heitman moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3164**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler. Mayor Karst explained this fund will be used for properties like the Anderson property the city had acquired, had the house removed, and then sold the property. Motion carried.

Council member Koski made a motion awarding the City of Glasgow's Repurchase Agreement to Opportunity Bank for June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr. City Clerk Amundson explained that the interest rate from Opportunity Bank was higher than Independence Bank and there are no banking fees. Motion carried.

Council member Austin made a motion to approve the call for bids for the city's gas and diesel for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to approve the call for bids for the City of Glasgow's animal contract for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. City Clerk Amundson stated since there was another interested party for this contract, it has to go out to bid this year. Motion carried.

Mayor Karst explained the reason why the motion to sell a portion of Hoyt Park to FMDH has to be rescinded. He said he had contacted FPW on about the grant the city has for the swim pool construction and if the city sells the portion of the park, they will have to pay the amount of grant money they have already received back and could also lose additional grant money in the future. Council member Austin made a motion rescinding the motion made at the May 6, 2024 regular council meeting to sell a portion of Hoyt Park to FMDH. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Ozark abstained; motion carried.

Council member Carr made a motion to become a member of the Highway 2 Association again. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin. Council members Ozark and Koski voted against. Motion carried.

Council member Austin made a motion appointing the following members to the Glasgow Housing Board: Butch Heitman (council representative), Ruth Moran (southside representative), Jacy Kastet (Housing Authority Representative), Paul Skubinna (DPW), and Jace Anderson (Loan Officer Representative). The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna updated the council on the meeting that was held last week. They had a chance to review the DNRC flood modeling results and have questions answered. There's progress being done on the levee. He is currently working on a pest control plan and a draft of the updated SWIF plan is tentatively set for August.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. City Grant Writer Byers talked about funding for the swim pool and a grant for the fire department to construct a training center. City Attorney Pekovitch stated that she should have some ordinances ready for the next council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna gave an update on the 1987 Transmission Main River crossing project and Thompson's Contracting should be back on site this week. The advertisement to receive bids on the downtown striping and miscellaneous concrete work project will be published this week or next. He also talked about the BNSF invoice settlement. The city was initially invoiced \$17,000.00 and we will only have to pay about \$1,800.00 after emailing back and forth.

Council member Austin talked about the need for a new command truck for the fire department. City Clerk Amundson explained that she had spoke with Chief Brunelle and there is money in their fundraising account, in the capital projects account, and their budget to purchase one. She also said that he had contacted three (3) dealerships to receive quotes. Since there is money in the budget, they can purchase a new one.

Chief Weber stated the MBCC audit went well and we received an excellent rating when it came to the grant administration. He also told the council that FMDH has donated an ambulance to the police department.

City Attorney Pekovitch had attended the municipal summit and will be meeting with Code Compliance Officer Dees to start working on junk lots.

City Clerk Amundson said the budget request sheets have been emailed out and are due back by June 21st. There will be a wage comp meeting this Wednesday the 22nd at 4:30. She also stated that starting with the 1st meeting in July the council meetings will be recorded and available on the website within a few days after the meeting.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: Council member Koski mentioned the Chamber wrote 2 pilot grants in the total amount of \$2.75 million which can be spent over a 5-year period. There was also discussion on a grant the city can apply for to assist the Cherry Creek Water District with the issues they are having. The council was in agreement to move forward to assist them if they need it.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor