

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JUNE 3, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Austin, Koski, and Ozark. Council members Carr and Nistler were absent. Also present were Chief Weber, DPW Skubinna and Sergeant Dick. Jan Swanson, Candy Lagerquist, Mark Berger, Tess Fahlgren, David Irving, Matt Austin, Judy Idler, Keirsten Wethern, Matt and Lisa Baxter, Taylor Hohlen, Karen Breigenzer, Travis Young, Bob Stormer, Randon Stormer, Ann Kulczyk, Hollie Young, Pam Heikens, Rene Clampitt, Kristie Brabeck, Breanna Barstad, Devin Rasmusan, Madelyn House, Andy Fahlgren, Marc Wethern, Sonja Roche, Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering, Sean Bergstrom, Dyllan Bergstrom, Mitchell Buechler, Shirley Baumgartner, Tyson Knodel, Aaron Hlad, Shelbie Irvin, Christine Gilchrist, Cara Pinder, Cecil and Debra Griebel were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, City Attorney O'Brien, and Mike McGrath attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: It was asked if the resolution listed under the consent agenda can be explained in further detail. Mayor Karst said he will explain it when they get to the agenda item. David Irving told the council that there is progress being made on the MOU between the city and Siding 45, he will be meeting with the city attorney in the near future and it should be ready for the next council meeting.

Mayor Karst explained Resolution No. 3167. He said at the last council meeting another resolution was adopted to create the fund to earmark money for properties the city may receive and demolish abandoned houses and this resolution will establish the revenue that was received from the sale of the property and the expenditure for money that was spent for the demolition of the house. Council member Austin made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for June 3, 2024 in the amount of \$521,291.97, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,694.42, the minutes of the May 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and **Resolution No. 3167** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Property Acquisition Fund for the Receipt of Monies Received from the Sale of the Francis Street Property and Expenditure of Monies on the Demolition of Said Property. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark opened the one (1) bid received from Ezzie's Wholesale Inc for the city's gas and diesel for fiscal year 2024-2025; No 1 Diesel (red), rack price plus add on \$3.4977, No 2 Diesel (red), rack price plus add on \$2.9421, unleaded rack price plus add on \$2.619. Council member Heitman made a motion to award the fiscal year 2024-2025 fuel bid to Ezzie's. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark opened the one (1) bid received from Valley Vision Paints for the animal contract for the fiscal year 2024-2025. There were two (2) letters of support included in the bid packet also. They bid \$575.00 per month. Council member Koski made a motion to award the animal contract to Valley Vision Paints for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Tess Fahlgren was in attendance for confirmation that Hoyt Park will be the location for the skate park. She said that if it is, it would be located approximately 25' from the swimming pool, it would be about 100' across, with a total of 5,500 square feet. The current exercise equipment in the southwest corner would need to be removed, but the trees would not have to be. She would also like to be able to connect to the existing sprinkler system in the park to be able to water the green space that will be located in the middle of the skate park. This design would save money on concrete. Mayor Karst asked those in attendance if anyone was against the skate park being located in Hoyt Park. There was no one in opposition. There was discussion on the best location in the park for it.

Council member Ozark moved to locate the skate park in the southwest corner in Hoyt Park according to the design and contingent on the approval of the MOU between the City of Glasgow and Siding 45 being approved by city council. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

Mike McGrath attended via Google Meets to talk to the council about conducting a bat inventory acoustic identification training for his students and staff. His office is based in Helena and would like the council's permission to access the water and sewer treatment facility areas between July 30th and August 1st to conduct this inventory. He said recently the Northern Long Eared Bat has come up on the endangered species list and wanted to find out if they are located in Glasgow. DPW Skubinna did explain that if these bats are found in Glasgow it will have to be noted in an environmental study for any project that could impact the area and construction timeframes may have to be moved depending on their migration. Council member Ozark made a motion permitting the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct the bat inventory training on the city's properties. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the April 2024 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the professional services agreement between the City of Glasgow and Great West Engineering. The PER will assist in locating and putting a plan in place to remove the remaining cast-iron pipes out of the city's water transmission system. Council member Austin made a motion to approve the professional services

agreement between the City of Glasgow and Great West Engineering in the amount of \$60,000.00, of which \$40,000.00 will be paid by the DNRC Grant, for the preliminary engineering report for the water system improvement project. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3166** – A Resolution to Adopt and Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as Part of the 2025 National Fitness Campaign. Mayor Karst explained that it will be a 38 X 38 area of fitness equipment, with a rubber surface, and it's used based off of weight resistance. The total cost of the area will be \$120,000.00. City Grant Writer Byers will be looking for additional grants for the remaining funding of this project. Council member Ozark moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3166**. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski; whereby **Resolution No. 3166** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the independent contractor agreement between the City of Glasgow and Pioneer Community Development, LLC for grant writing services for fiscal year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Koski wanted to know if this contract was for Ashleigh Byers and if there were any changes to the contract. City Clerk Amundson stated yes this is Ashleigh's contract and there were no changes to the new fiscal year contract. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna mentioned that Great West Engineering will be here working on the levee survey this week.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, grant, or ordinance. Council member Austin commented on the ISO rating for the fire department, the rating had increased due to the lack of hydrant testing. City Clerk Amundson will look to see if she has a copy of their report from last time. Mayor Karst said the cemetery looked good for Memorial Day.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber told the council that there were no issues over the busy weekend and Bobby Overby is starting to work patrols.

Council member Austin said there was a fire last night behind Arch's tire and the new command truck will be purchased tomorrow from Hi-Line Ford.

DPW Skubinna said it's just been day to day stuff over the past couple of weeks.

Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering updated the council on the pool construction. The floor of the pool will be poured this week and next week the walls will be poured. During this construction time 3rd Street South will be closed until about the 14th of June. Also, the stripping project for downtown is ready to go out to bid.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: Tess Fahlgren asked the council if they would be willing to write a letter of support for a grant she would like to apply for. Mayor Karst asked her to email him the information for it, and he will get it written.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor