

**TOWN OF GLASGOW**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 21, 2020**

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. All members were present except Eddie Hamilton. A quorum was present.

A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented for approval. Marty Blankenship made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health and Sanitation** - Recorder, Jay Ward, reported having a discussion with John Qualls about rejoining the Rural Water Association. The cost to join is \$250.00 per year. They help perform various services related to water and sewer. Marty Blankenship made a motion to rejoin the Rural Water Association. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Recreation** - Teams are still using the gym for basketball practice.

**Streets and Lights** - Eddie Hamilton was not present to give a report. Dee Leadmon will check on the post office parking signs. Street crew needs to repair the drain grate on Melrose. The recent construction equipment for the upper water tank has dislodged and damaged the grate. A silt fence is also needed for a drain on Hickory Road.

**Finance** - Mayor Fannin reported a balance of \$54,972.00 in the General Fund and \$4,010.75 in the Utility Fund. A copy of the check register was presented for review. The Finance Committee decided to meet on Thursday, February 6th at 1:00 to make a plan for the town's finances. Office Manager, Dee Leadmon, Recorder, Jay Ward, Clerk, Natalie Hackworth and Mayor Fannin will register for Budget Training which is scheduled for February 12th.



**Burning Permits** - Chief Blankenship reported that one burning permit was issued.

**Housing Board** - Nothing to report.

**Safety** - Nothing to report.

**Fire Department** - Chief Blankenship had no new calls to report for the fire department.

**Police Department** - Chief of Police, Jack Ice, reported that the county is programming the new radios and some citations were issued. Jay Ward presented the COPS Hiring Program to the council to determine interest. Due to the fact that qualification for the program is based on statistics showing high and serious crime rates, which our town does not have, the council decided to disregard the program at this time. John Alderson made a motion to disregard the program. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Street Department** - There was not a representative present to report for the Street Department. Dee Leadmon presented bids that were turned in by the Sewer Plant Operator, Dwayne Barton. There were 3 bids for heaters and 2 bids for enzyme degreasers for the council's approval. John Alderson made a motion to purchase two heaters for the sewer plant building for \$42.87 each. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Marty Blankenship agreed on the condition that the electrical system be checked to make sure it can handle the heaters. Motion passed unanimously. The council requested more research related to the enzyme degreasers.

**Web Page** - Tabled until further notice. Minutes, agendas and check registers will continue to be posted.

**Municipal Court** - Chief Ice reported some citations on the docket for the court session on February 11th at 6:30.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

After the check register was presented, Dee Leadmon made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**LEAK ADJUSTMENTS** - None



## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**West Virginia American Water Sale** - January 30th will be the official day to sign the paperwork and finalize the sale. On this day, the water system will be turned over to WVAW. Attorney, Ron Flora, will review the documents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Usage Agreement with WVAW** - Jay Ward presented a copy of the Usage Agreement with WVAW for the council's approval. The terms of the agreement are as follows: West Virginia American Water will provide water usage information to the town in order to calculate the monthly sewage fee. The town will be charged 20 cents for each customer, which will total approximately \$60.00 per month. Marty Blankenship made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Water Termination Agreement with WVAW** - Jay Ward provided a copy of the Water Termination agreement for the council's approval. The terms of the agreement are as follows: West Virginia American Water will have the authority to terminate water service if a customer doesn't pay the sewage fee. The charge for disconnection is \$20.00 and the charge for reconnection is \$20.00. John Alderson made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PSC Petition** - Jay Ward presented a copy of the Petition for Consent and Approval of Water Service Termination and Usage Agreement that will be submitted to the PSC by WVAW. The council reviewed the document. Jay Ward made a motion to accept the petition. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES**

**Sewer Ordinance** - Jim Weimer, with the PSC, suggested an emergency rate increase due to the sewer problems on Tompkins Avenue. The 45 waiting day period would be waived. The council discussed setting up a public meeting and the need for a commercial loan to pay for the repairs. John Alderson made a motion to enact an emergency rate increase due to the financial distress of the town. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



**First Reading of Sewer Rate Ordinance** - Recorder, Jay Ward, presented the first reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance. John Alderson made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance Granting Easement and Right of Ways to West Virginia American Water** - Recorder, Jay Ward, presented the first reading of the Ordinance Granting Easements and Right of Ways to West Virginia American Water. Dee Leadmon made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance as presented. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PETITIONS**

Christine Buckley addressed the council to request back pay for sick or vacation days that may be owed to her. Mayor Fannin will check into this matter.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


John Alderson made a motion to go into Executive Session. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council went into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 9:54 p.m.

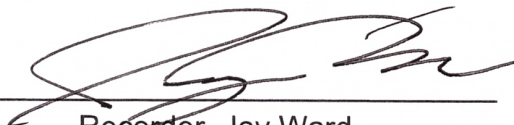
No votes were needed after Executive Session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Mayor, Donald Fannin



Recorder, Jay Ward