

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2024

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

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those present included: Mayor Fannin, Recorder Jay Ward, Marty Blankenship, John Alderson, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton and Susan Ward. Town Attorney Ray Keener was also in attendance.

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

Minutes for the previous meeting were presented for approval. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$190,655.11
ARPA - \$62,338.51
Sewer Fund - \$131,868.58
Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00
Police Fee Fund - \$4,263.27
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$79,258.31
Coal Severance Fund - \$4,938.75
Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.36

The council reviewed the bank register.

Jay Ward made a motion to rewrite the ordinance for the Police Fee and keep the Police Account and track expenses through AccuFund. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 2 calls so far this month. The fire department participated in a training at Winfield with the West Virginia National Guard and several other fire departments. He also reported that the fire department has decided to lease the new fire station property for \$2,500 per month. Senators Capito and Manchin have both put funding for the new fire station on their lists with a potential for 6.7 million coming from the 2025 federal budget. Compaction testing will be conducted on the property which will be funded through HUD. Chief

Blankenship also expressed concern about a generator which is running continuously at a residence across from the fire station. He approved several burning permits.

Police Department - Chief Cox reported that the new cruiser is still waiting for all of the equipment to be installed. Chief Cox informed the council that he has been deployed by FEMA for flood work in Charleston. He is still available when needed and by phone. There have been some schedule changes for the police department. The Impala had a blowout and is currently out of commission. There was a dog bite issue on 1st Street. The department responded to an assault at the property in Riverside that was previously a junkyard. John Alderson informed the council that Senator Nelson will sign off on the money for the police vehicle equipment in July.

Street Department - Director of Public Works John Qualls reported that the dump truck needs to be fixed. After discussion, it was decided that Fleet Pride would be the best option for the repairs needed. The gutter corners at Town Hall need to be replaced. The 2nd Street paving project is underway. A sign at the boat dock needs to be replaced.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras - C. W. Sigmon from the Kanawha County Commission is now handling the issue.

Lien Updates - Nothing new to report.

Town Hall Sidewalk - The project has been completed.

Whiteboard Topics Update - Some projects have been completed.

Grass and Junk Letters - Follow up is needed for the junk car letters.

Water Day for Kids - The fire department will host a water day for kids at the fire station on Saturday, July 20th from 11:00 - 3:00. The rain date will be July 27th. Food, drinks and popsicles will be served.

Proposed Sewer Rate - See Sewer Rate Ordinance.

Sewer - Property Easements - The council reviewed a template form for property easements.

Paving on 2nd Street - The project is in progress.

Unclaimed Property - Mayor Fannin is still researching the procedure for unclaimed property.

AEP Property Letter - A letter was drafted regarding the complaints about trees, weeds and overgrowth along the AEP fence line on 3rd Street. The letter will be sent. Mayor Fannin also submitted a complaint on the AEP website.

NEW BUSINESS

Smoke Test Failures - One letter was sent to a property owner regarding smoke test failure.

Infrastructure Fee Rate Change - The council discussed the possibilities of fee rate changes in the future. More research is needed to determine how upcoming infrastructure projects will be funded.

Grass Cut - Empty Lots - After discussion, Jay Ward made a motion for the street department to cut the overgrown grass in empty lots and to send a bill of service to the property owners. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cleaning Out the Mouth of Kelly's Creek - Jay Ward reported that engineers with NRE confirmed that no permits are needed to clean up the fallen trees and trash in Kelly's Creek between Glasgow and Cedar Grove. The council discussed working together with Cedar Grove on this project.

New Camera Guy - After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion for Jay Ward to reach out to Thomas Baker from the Town of Montgomery about working to get our camera system up and running. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Establish a Planning Committee - 2nd Reading - Jay Ward presented the second reading of an ordinance to establish a planning committee for the zoning project. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate - 1st Reading - Jay Ward presented the first reading of the ordinance to increase sewer rates. John Alderson made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The sewer rate increase will be published in the paper and a public hearing will be held on July 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Glasgow Senior Building. Residents will be notified.

PETITIONS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

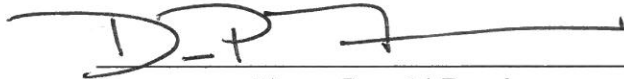
John Alderson made a motion to convene an executive session. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:33 p.m.

Jay Ward made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

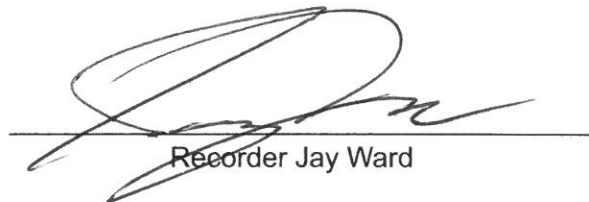
Following the executive session, a vote was needed. Mike Szerokman made a motion for Town Attorney Ray Keener to send a letter to WOWK TV regarding a FOIA request. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward