

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

**June 17, 2024**

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

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**

**Health and Sanitation** - Sewer Plant Operator in Training Robert Lovejoy reported to the council that the dump truck is still being worked on, there is sludge that needs to be taken in, three beds have been poured, the pump went down and he is still working on the EPA report.

**Recreation** - A resident has asked about the possibility of using the Senior Building for Senior Bingo again.

**Streets and Lights** - Eddie Hamilton was not present to report. Chief of Police Darrick Cox informed the council that FEMA grants are available that could possibly be used for the 1st Street storm drain project. Susan Ward will get more information from the contact person at FEMA.

**Building** - A camera system is needed for the Town Hall lobby and office. Marty Blankenship made a motion to spend up to \$500 to purchase a camera system. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. There is a 6 inch drain that runs underneath Town Hall that continues to get clogged and may be broken. New River Engineering inspected the drain and reported that it cannot be relined. It must be repaired or replaced. Estimates are needed for repair or replacement.

**Finance** - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$199,521.15  
ARPA - \$62,338.51

Sewer Fund - \$130,308.58  
Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00  
Police Fee Fund - \$1,728.27  
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$79,258.31  
Coal Severance Fund - \$4,938.75  
Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.36

Recorder Jay Ward reported that the audit should be complete by the end of the month. CPA Dave Howell asked for an extension from the Auditor's Office.

**Burning Permits** - Chief Blankenship approved one burning permit, received a new one and has one more pending.

**Housing Board** - See Housing Board Meeting minutes.

**Safety** - A handrail may need to be installed around the curb in front of Town Hall.

**Fire Department** - Chief Blankenship reported 5 calls so far this month. The fire department is finalizing paperwork with the contractor for the new fire station. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Fannin will be the POC for the next three weeks while Chief Blankenship is out of town. Chief Blankenship commended the police department for doing a good job patrolling the new fire station property for trespassers.

**Police Department** - Chief Cox is still waiting for all of the equipment to be installed in the new police cruiser. Officer McKinney will be working 40 hours per week while Chief Cox is on FEMA duty. Officer Cox made a request for flashing lights for the stop sign at the nursing home. Many people are running the stop sign on a regular basis. After discussion, it was decided that Chief Cox could have a talk with the nursing home administrator regarding the stop sign, because many of the offenders appear to be employees of the nursing home. Citations for running the stop sign could also help solve the problem. Chief Cox reported that the police department schedule is working well.

**Street Department** - Director of Public Works John Qualls reported that a request has been made for the paving company to reseal 2nd Street. There was an issue with a pipe at 306 4th Avenue. When John ran a camera through the pipe, there was grease inside the pipe. An electrician will be working on the Town Hall generator soon.

**Municipal Court** - Mayor Fannin reported that there are a few cases on the docket.

**Web Page** - No updates at this time.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

## **P CARD STATEMENT**

Mayor Fannin reviewed and will pay the P Card statement.

## **SEWER ADJUSTMENTS**

Iris Hudnall requested an adjustment of \$115.61 due to a leak. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the request for an adjustment. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Security Cameras** - Thomas Baker contacted the manufacturer of the security cameras. He will do a factory reset for the cameras at the sewer department and street department.

**Lien Update** - Mike Szerokman reported 4 garnishments and 10 defaults to turn in.

**Whiteboard Topics Update** - Smoke test results have been completed.

**Junk Cars/Grass Letters Update** - Chief Cox, Officer McKinney and Amanda Holmes are following up.

**Proposed Sewer Rates** - A public meeting will be held on July 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Building. New River Engineering and the project accountant will attend the meeting.

**Sewer Main Easements** - This project is still in progress. Tabled until Marty Blankenship is back in town.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Paving and Sidewalk Repair on 2nd Street Update** - The paving company agreed to return to reseal the asphalt.

**Unclaimed Property** - Nothing new to report.

**Town Hall Drain Issue** - See Buildings.

**Energy Efficient Block Grant** - Marty Blankenship applied for a grant for new lighting for Town Hall. John Qualls will be the POC if an inspection is needed while Marty is out of town.

**Riverside Cheerleader Donation** - Tabled until John Alderson gets more information.

**Cemetery in Melrose Upkeep and Payment** - The council discussed the possibility of a fundraiser to fund the upkeep of the cemetery.

**Tree Removal at Boat Dock Area** - Tabled until a later date.

**Sewer Rate Increase Public Meeting** - See Proposed Sewer Rates.

**Planning Committee Update/Members** - John Alderson made a motion to approve the following Glasgow residents as members of the Zoning Planning Committee: Terry Patrick, Danny Winfree, Rita Bowles and Robbie Ford. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. John Alderson made a motion to approve Jay Ward as the council member on the Zoning Planning Committee. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jay Ward made a motion to approve John Qualls as the representative of the Town Administration on the committee. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. One more resident is needed for the committee. Jason Jarvis has expressed interest.

**Nursing Home B & O** - First quarter payment has still not been made.

**Refrigerator for Town Hall** - After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to purchase a new refrigerator for Town Hall. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES** - Nothing new to report.

## **PETITIONS**

Mr. Breeden addressed the council about the potholes on Melrose, applying for a burning permit and a fundraiser for the upkeep of the historic cemetery on Melrose.

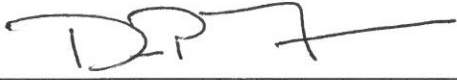
## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

John Alderson made a motion to convene an executive session. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:05 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 9:25 p.m. No vote was needed following the executive session.

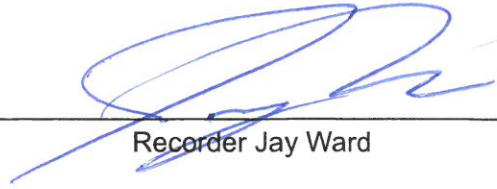
## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Szerokman made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.



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Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward