

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2024

Recorder Jay Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Minutes for the regular council meeting on July 15th were presented for approval. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes for the Emergency Council Meeting on July 17th were presented for approval. John Alderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Recorder Jay Ward reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$182,737.43
ARPA - \$62,338.51
Sewer Fund - \$107,452.50
Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00
Police Fee Fund - \$384.88
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$58,696.19
Coal Severance Fund -\$5,734.92
Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.45

The council reviewed the bank register. The council received a verification letter from the PSC approving the sewer rate increase.

Marty Blankenship will speak with the director of the nursing home about the B & O taxes that are owed.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 19 calls so far for July. Hose testing has been completed and some sections of hose will have to be replaced with new hose. The purchase of new hose sections will be covered in part by a grant and in part by the fire department.

The bay door of the fire station has been replaced. Four new firemen have joined the department. The fire department will host classes for the new firemen. Chief Blankenship requested the use of the Senior Building for classes and the council approved. Chief Blankenship reported that Water Day was a success. Chief Blankenship reported that the remaining portion of the new fire station property may be rented out at a cost of \$1,500 per month. The other section of the property is already being rented out at a cost of \$2,500 per month.

Police Department - Officer Puffenbarger reported to the council. He asked about the possibility of a cell phone for police department use. The council agreed to consider it. Rain jackets that were previously approved for purchase by the council still need to be purchased for the officers. Marty Blankenship completed the paperwork to transfer ownership of the Impala to the Town of Bradford.

Street Department - Director of Public Works John Qualls spoke to the council about the possibility of flexing the street department work hours, working 4 ten hour days during grass cutting season with overtime, when needed. The council agreed that as the department head, John can schedule the hours at his discretion. After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to purchase a used trailer in good condition for the street department at a cost of \$8,000. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras-Sewer - Marty Blankenship is still working on setting up a meeting for the camera installation.

Lien Updates - Mike Szerokman reported that more liens will be turned in for the new quarter. Mike requested discussion on the next agenda about the enforcement of civil judgements.

Whiteboard Topics Update - The new police vehicle and the Town Hall sidewalk replacement were crossed off the whiteboard list as completed.

Grass and Junk Letters Update - The grass at Dollar General needs to be cut, especially around the entrance/exit. It is a safety issue because it is hard to see to pull out onto Route 60.

Sewer-Property Easements - Marty Blankenship presented a template of an easement form for residents to sign off on.

Unclaimed Property - No update.

Update RIC Grant - Sidewalks and Curbs - No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall County Clean Up - The Town of Glasgow will coordinate with the county and sponsor a clean up day on October 5th.

Storm Drain Glasgow Avenue - Contacts are being made to attempt to secure grant funding for this project.

Grant Committee - The council discussed the possibility of forming a grant committee with three members. More discussion is needed at the next meeting.

Weeds on lower Ashberry Alley - Some residents need reminders to cut the weeds on their property along Ashberry Alley.

Easement Attorney - Tabled until further notice.

Order Camera for Town Hall Office - Cameras still need to be ordered for the Town Hall office area.

Replace Floor in Town Hall Office Lobby - Estimates for flooring are needed.

ORDINANCES

The council discussed the ordinance which requires ATV's and 4 wheelers that drive through town to have a permit sticker. Mike Szerokman made a motion to increase the enforcement of the ordinance. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Susan LaForce, a 4th Avenue resident, petitioned the council to consider adjusting her sewer bill due to the amount of water that she used to take care of her grass that was seeded. The council will speak with the Town Clerk before making a decision.

Kayla Holstion petitioned the council to consider Bingo at the Senior Building once a month during the colder months. Churches and community groups could sponsor hot dog sales and prizes would be donated. No money would be exchanged. Marty Blankenship suggested that she write a business plan to present to the council for further consideration. Mike Szerokman will find out if a Bingo license will be needed.

Dylan Hackworth has concerns about the Community Watch fizzling out. Dylan agreed to head up the renewal of the Community Watch, encouraging citizens to report suspicious activities in town. Meetings could take place at the Senior Building and the Facebook page could be utilized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

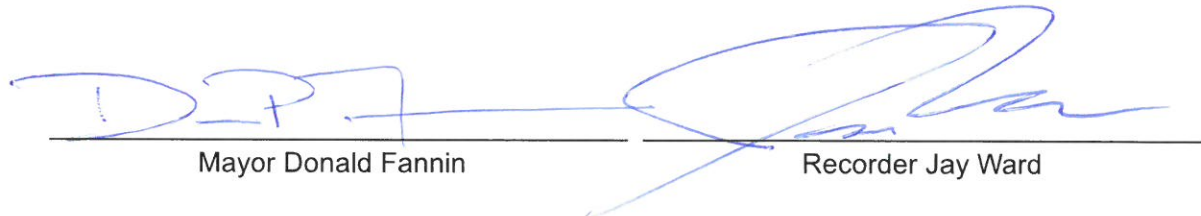
Marty Blankenship made a motion to convene an executive session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:20 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

No vote was needed following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Marty Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin Recorder Jay Ward