

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Eddie Hamilton and Susan Ward.

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 Robert Lovejoy passed his test to receive his Operator's License.

Recreation - Nothing to report.

Streets and Lights - Eddie Hamilton reported that a light is out at the roadside park and several other lights are out around town. The council discussed checking with AEP about changing all of the streetlights over to LED lights.

Building - Some doors at Town Hall may need to be replaced.

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$211,991.42
ARPA - \$53,588.51
Sewer Fund - \$128,185.12
Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00
Police Fee Fund - \$766.65
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$66,107.30
Coal Severance Fund - \$5,734.92
Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.55

Burning Permits - One permit for 321 3rd Avenue was submitted for approval.

Housing Board - See minutes for the Housing Board meeting.

Safety - Nothing to report.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 18 calls for far this month. There were 8 medical calls, ;6 structure fires, 1 investigation, 1 MVA, 1 brush fire and 1 pedestrian struck. On November 17th, the fire department is hosting vendors for the 3 million dollar radio grant. The department will sponsor statewide regional grants for equipment, fill stations and swiftwater equipment. The department will also be having classes for the new firemen on November 15th, 16th and 17th. Assistant Fire Chief Michael Fannin will be in command of the fire department while Chief Blankenship is out of town.

Police Department - Officer McKinney reported 16 citations, 33 arrests and 12 investigations going on. He presented a report for the council's review. He asked the council to consider purchasing an updated Windows program for police reports. He also plans to increase the amount of ATV checks to make sure that they are licensed and insured. He spoke with the council about the possibility of hosting another community dance. The possible need for a detention cell at the police department was also discussed.

Street Department - Director of Public Works John Qualls reported that the street department has started tearing out sidewalks that need to be repaired. The council discussed bids already received to repair the dump truck. Marty Blankenship requested more exact information from both bids. John Alderson and Eddie Hamilton were given pre-approval from the council to decide which bid to accept after more information is gathered from both vendors.

MUNICIPAL COURT - Mayor Fannin will preside over the Municipal Court on October 22nd at 6:30.

WEB PAGE - No updates to discuss.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

P CARD STATEMENT - Mayor Fannin has reviewed and paid the statement for the P Card.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS - No requests for adjustments were made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras - Marty Blankenship has an app for the cameras. Thomas Baker will give access to the app to more council members.

Town Hall Cameras - Wireless cameras will be ordered from Amazon.

Lien Update - Mike Szerokman reported that he is working on more garnishments.

Whiteboard Topics Update - No updates to report.

Sewer Main Easement/Attorney - Mayor Fannin will contact the attorney.

Alley Light Repairs - Alley lights will be replaced with LED lights when all of the other town lights are replaced.

Glasgow Storm Drain Update - Eric Hartwell with New River Engineers attended the meeting to give an update. He reported that he has been unable to locate possible funding sources for the project at this point. Mayor Fannin will call an attorney about obtaining an easement for the property.

Repairs to Route 60 - WVDOH is scheduled to begin repairs to Route 60 in the spring.

Update RIC Grant - No updates to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Street Paving and Repair of Holes - The street department will take care of some repairs and RIC Grant money could be used for additional paving.

ARC Money - After discussion, Jay Ward made a motion to use the ARC grant money to pay for GIS mapping of the town. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finalize Halloween Party - The Halloween party will be at Town Hall starting at approximately 7:00, after trick or treating. Mayor Fannin will donate pizzas. John Alderson made a motion to allow a budget of \$300 for the purchase of drinks, cookies, cupcakes and party supplies. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Junk Car Letters - The council discussed and agreed that a summons would occur first, then a fine, if needed.

Part-time Police Officer - John Prine is interested in part time work as an officer for Glasgow. The council discussed and agreed that he could be worked into the schedule. Equipment needs for another officer will be checked on. An interview with the mayor and Chief Cox will be arranged. He will need to provide credentials at the interview.

ORDINANCES - Nothing new to report.

PETITIONS - No petitions were presented to the council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jay Ward made a motion to convene an executive session. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:07 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

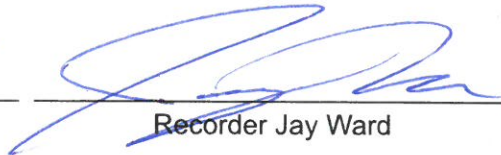
Following the executive session, John Alderson made a motion to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for Robert Lovejoy, pending a contractual agreement to stay in the position of Sewer Plant Operator for 2 years. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward