## **TOWN OF GLASGOW**

# **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## December 5, 2024

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those in attendance included the following: 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. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$173,191.75

ARPA - \$53,588.51

Sewer Fund - \$132,906.83

Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00

Police Fee Fund - \$10,347.26

Infrastructure Fund - \$73,422.90

Coal Severance Fund - \$5,734.92

Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.64

The council reviewed the bank statement.

Eric Hartwell notified the council that a payment for the sewer fund project is due. Marty Blankenship made a motion to make a payment of \$53,588.51 from the ARPA account to New River Engineers for the sewer project. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The payment will deplete the ARPA account and it will be closed out.

**Fire Department** - Chief Blankenship reported a total of 4 calls so far this month. He also reported that the fire department is undergoing an audit from the Legislative Post Audit Division. Breakfast with Santa is still scheduled for Saturday, December 7th from 8:00-11:00 at the fire station. 164 tickets have been given out so far. The annual fireman's Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday, December 14th.

**Police Department** - Chief Cox reported to the council that John Prine has worked a few shifts. Officer Puffenbarger is off for family leave. Officer McKinney is still working his scheduled hours. Chief Cox informed the council that an unregistered sex offender was arrested in town. Officer McKinney submitted a Police Activity Report for the council's review. Officers will be on hand for Breakfast with Santa as well as the Christmas parade.

**Street Department** - Sewer Plant Operator Robert Lovejoy reported for the sewer plant and street department. He reported that the street department has been patching holes in the streets and repairing sidewalks. Christmas lights and flags have been put up. The dump truck bed has been repaired and is operational again. Parts have been received for the fuel truck and the bobcat is fixed. The council discussed purchasing winter gear for the street department workers. Water lines at the sewer plant are freezing and more heat tape is needed. Marty Blankenship, John Alderson and Robert Lovejoy will gather data to present at the next meeting regarding the need for a trash rate increase due to the upcoming closure of the Charleston landfill.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Sewer-Property Easements** - The council is still waiting for information from attorney Mark Sadd. Jay Ward will send the information to town engineer Will Thornton.

**Update RIC grant** - Nothing new to report.

**Update Glasgow Avenue Storm Drain** - Nothing new to report.

ARC and EECBG Grants - Marty Blankenship reported to the council that the application for the ARC grant has been completed and will be submitted on December 6th. This grant for \$50,000 will be used for GIS mapping of the town. The EECGG grant application is almost finished and should be submitted the coming weekend. This grant for \$37,000 will be used for lights at Town Hall and in the gym.

Street Paving and Hole Repairs - See Street Department report.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

**New WV Flag** - After discussion about the condition of the flags flying at Town Hall, Marty Blankenship made a motion to purchase a new West Virginia flag, a new United States flag as well as a spare for each. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES - Nothing new to report.

**PETITIONS** - No petitions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - John Alderson made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 8:40 p.m. Susan Ward made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

No vote was needed following the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT** - John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor Donald Fannin

Recorder Jay Ward