

TOWN OF GLASGOW

Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

Mayor Peggy Fisher called the meeting to order at 1900.

A moment of silence was observed. Mayor Fisher asked council members and attending citizens to remember former council member, David Persinger, who recently passed away.

Roll Call was taken. All members were present except John Qualls. A quorum was present.

James Ward was sworn in as Town Recorder by Mayor Fisher.

Minutes for the previous minutes were presented. Stanley Garten made a motion to accept the minutes. Donald Fannin seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Sanitation - John Qualls was unable to give a report due to absence. Mayor Fisher reported several culverts in town that are collapsing. The culverts are located on 2nd Street, Glassfire Lane and Railroad Street.

Recreation - Donald Fannin reported that the boat ramp was underwater. Mayor Fisher gave an update on the pool repairs. Repairs have been more extensive than expected. Due to the extra repairs, the pool is not expected to be opened for Memorial Day weekend. An insurance check was received to cover the damages from burst pipes at the pool.

Streets and Lights - Donald Fannin reported that one street light has been replaced and another will soon be replaced.

Eddie Hamilton made a request for the lines to be repainted on 1st street.

Building - No building permits were reported.

Finance - Larry Simmons reported an estimated balance in the General Fund of \$642,000.

Burning Permits - No burning permits were reported.

Housing Board - Brief discussion about dilapidated buildings in town that still need to be addressed.

Safety - No accidents were reported. It was noted that Christine Buckley is still out on worker's compensation.

Fire Department - Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship, could not attend the meeting to give a report due to an active fire call.

Police Department - Lieutenant Eagle reported the following incidents handled by the Glasgow Police Department since the previous meeting: 147 total calls of service, 48 hours on school bus detail, 3 arrests, 6 investigations, 8 reports, 6 citations, 11 complaints and 11 meetings. The lieutenant also reported that the police department is reviewing 6 applications for the purpose of hiring another officer. An attempt will be made to make the decision in time to allow the officer to be trained at the next Police Academy in August.

There was some discussion about the difficulties involved in scheduling 3 officers to provide police coverage 24/7.

Webpage - James Ward and Mayor Fisher will meet with the webpage consultant on June 7, 2018 to discuss webpage updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The mayor asked for input and discussion about the letter that she sent to the residents of Glasgow. She stressed the need to develop a plan for the town, starting with a Vision Statement.

2. The mayor would like to enforce a town curfew at 10:00 p.m. each evening for residents who are 18 years old and younger. Arrangements are being made to repair the old fire whistle that would be set on a timer for 10:00. The police department would enforce the curfew. The ordinance needs to be updated to address the curfew.

3. The mayor announced that the council will begin meeting twice each month. After some discussion, it was proposed that the council meet on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Donald Fannin made a motion to accept the meeting days and times. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Mayor Fisher asked for a motion to appoint Donald Fannin as Financial Director. Stanley Garten made a motion. James Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Mayor Fisher informed the council that she has requested an audit for the past four financial years, which include: 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

6. The council and attending citizens began the planning stages for the development of a Vision and Mission Statement for the town. The following six priorities were identified:

- a. Spending
- b. Community/Aesthetics
- c. Wet Infrastructure (water system) and Dry Infrastructure (dilapidated buildings)
- d. Public Safety- Curfew, police coverage, drugs
- e. Update Ordinances - Enforcement, community clean up
- f. Community Involvement

7. The council discussed Department Head Accountability and decided the following:

Larry Simmons - As Treasurer, Larry will sign checks and Jay Ward will co-sign. Mayor Fisher can sign if Jay is unavailable.

Donald Fannin - Responsible for duties of the Financial Director and also Parks and Recreation.

Eddie Hamilton - Responsible for reporting issues with Streets and Lights.

Stanley Garten- Building Permits

Jay Ward - Web page updates

Committees and Committee Reports need to be revamped. Some ordinances need to be changed/updated.

8. Department Heads will give a report each month.

Reports will be given on the following:

Public Works - Water, sewer, streets, garbage, grass

Fire Department - Active calls, in town/ out of town calls

Police Department - Citations, fines, etc...

PAYMENT OF BILLS

There was a discussion about sales tax exemptions, P Card purchasing, and responsibilities for payment of bills. The council could not come to a consensus regarding council member responsibilities for paying bills and access to the computer system. Discussion was tabled by council.

No motion was made to pay the bills.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Amy and Steve Miller discussed their concerns about being turned into a collection agency due to their water bill. Kimberlee Davis expressed the same concern. Mayor Fisher assured them the collection agency notices have been put on hold until new bills are printed.

Amy and Steve Miller also expressed concerns about the water leaking from the upper water tank near their house.

Dagwood Blankenship voiced concerns about the hydro excavation truck and installing new water lines.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fisher called for the meeting to be adjourned at 2058.

Peggy S.Fisher, Mayor
Recorder

James Ward,

