

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019

Mayor Donald Fannin called the meeting to order at 19:02.

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

Roll call was taken. All members were present and a quorum was present.

Minutes for the previous meeting were presented and reviewed. Stan Garten made a motion to accept the minutes. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Recorder, Jay Ward presented the amended minutes from the March 18, 2016 council meeting. Stan Garten made a motion to accept the amended minutes. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Health and Sanitation** - Mayor Fannin reported issues at the sewer plant. Several citizens have complained about the bad odor coming from the plant. Mayor Fannin is working on a solution to the problem.
2. **Recreation** - The Nazerene Church is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th at 12:00.
3. **Streets and Lights** - A list of street lights that are out were presented by Eddie Hamilton. Discussion regarding putting down asphalt on the graveled areas from leak repairs. Discussion about the culvert at the intersection of 60 and Melrose Drive that needs to be repaired.
4. **Buildings** - Stan Garten reported no new permits have been applied for. Mayor Fannin is still trying to reach Jerry Dixon about repairing the roof of the Senior Building.
5. **Finance** - Mayor Fannin reported a balance of \$70,589.72 in the General Fund. He reported that \$13,000 will be paid to Cedar Grove for water. \$18,000 will be paid on the insurance premium due at the end of the month. \$5,000 will be paid to Brim Insurance to cover deductibles from two previous claims. He also

reported that the town of Glasgow is not participating in the P-Card Program at this time.

6. **Burning Permits** - None
7. **Housing Board** - No report
8. **Safety** - No report
9. **Fire Department** - Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship reported 15 fire calls in March. 6 of those were medical calls. There have been 4 fire calls in April so far. 2 of those calls were medical. He also reported an electrical issue at the fire station which is being worked on in-house.
10. **Police Department** - No report. Chris Powell is no longer employed by the town of Glasgow. Darrick Cox from the Cedar Grove Police Department is helping out until a new officer can be hired.
11. **Web Page** - Recorder, Jay Ward will update the webpage soon. He asked the council for permission to post the check register on the website to allow for total transparency of spending. John Alderson made a motion to give permission to post the check register on the website. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
12. **Municipal Court** - Municipal Court will be held on April 16th. One case is on the docket.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

No payments have been made since the last meeting. Water and insurance payments are due soon. Stan Garten made a motion to pay the bills. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Letters declining pay** - Eddie Hamilton and Stan Garten signed letters declining pay as Council Members.
2. **Trash and refuse costs** - Mayor Fannin has been researching different options for trash and refuse services. After some discussion, it was decided to generate bid sheets to submit to other municipalities for consideration.
3. **Water Bill Collection** - After some discussion, Marty Blankenship volunteered to head up the water bill collection project. Jay Ward made a motion to approve. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Volunteers** - Recorder, Jay Ward contacted the Municipal League for guidance regarding non-disclosure agreements. It was decided that the council will approve volunteers and the volunteers will be asked to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Stan Garten made a motion for council approval of volunteers and non-disclosure agreements. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Hydro-truck update** - Mayor Fannin reported that he wrote a check for \$795.00 for the truck to be inspected. It should be inspected by the end of the week.
6. **Lists of assets to sell** - The need to make a list assets for possible sale was discussed. It was decided that a complete list is needed in order to be cost effective and to cut costs for newspaper ads. The list of assets was tabled for further discussion at the next council meeting.
7. **Pool** - The food from the previous summer needed to be disposed of from the pool concession stand kitchen. It was decided that volunteers and members of council would meet on April 25, 2019 at 6:00pm to clean the pool. After some discussion about opening the pool, Jay Ward made a motion not to open the pool for the season. Larry Simmons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Incorporated vs Unincorporated** - Recorder, Jay Ward asked about a long term plan if the town is going to stay incorporated. After some discussion of the pros and cons of incorporated vs unincorporated, the topic was tabled for a later date.
2. **Funds for election** - Recorder, Jay Ward discussed the costs associated with the upcoming elections. A rough estimate was given of about \$3,000.00 for the poll workers. This did not include costs for ballots and ads in the newspaper to publish sample ballots. He also reported the deadline for write in candidates as April 23, 2019.
3. **Approval of poll workers** - Recorder, Jay Ward presented a list of poll workers for council approval. This list was as follows:
 1. Early voting - Jerry Hackworth and Anna Kozak
 2. Voting - Jerri Hackworth, Anna Kozak, Wanda Mooney, Shirley GregoryStan Garten made a motion to accept the poll workers as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Renting of office space** - Marty Blankenship informed the council that an accountant is interested in renting office space. It was suggested that the upper

floor of the senior building could be used, but needs to be inspected.

5. **Assessment of fees and trash collection** - Mayor Fannin stated that this was already covered in unfinished business under trash and refuse costs.
6. **Head Tax** - Stan Garten informed the council that the city of Smithers is considering a Head Tax for citizens. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of a Head Tax for Glasgow. Mayor Fannin will get more information from the mayor of Smithers.
7. **Grants for the town** - There are no grant purposed at this time.
8. **Appointment of Police Commissioner** - Mayor Fannin stated that with the resignation of Police Chief, Chris Powell, he would like an advisor to help him fill that vacancy and to develop strategies for police coverage with the town's shrinking funds. He asked for the council's consideration in appointing Darrick Cox, Police Chief of Cedar Grove, as the Town of Glasgow's Police Commissioner. John Alderson made a motion to appoint Darrick Cox as Police Commissioner for the Town of Glasgow. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Laying of the Levy** - Recorder, Jay Ward reminded council members of the meeting on April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of laying of the levy.

Mayor Fannin requested the council approval to hire Dewayne Barton a Class II operator to run the sewer plant. John Alderson made the motion to hire Dewayne Barton. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - None

PETITIONS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT - John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 21:22.

Mayor Donald Fannin

Recorder Jay Ward