

TOWN OF GLASGOW

Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2019

Mayor Donald Fannin called the meeting to order at 19:01.

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

Roll call was taken. All members were present with the exception of Eddie Hamilton and John Qualls. A quorum was present.

Minutes for the previous meeting were presented and reviewed. Stan Garten made a motion to accept the minutes as written. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Health and Sanitation** - John Qualls not present for a report. A Boil Water Advisory is in effect for the violation of Inadequate Operator Coverage. John Qualls will test the water to be in compliance with regulations.
2. **Recreation** - Mayor Donald Fannin reported that the boat ramp was in good condition and that the Senior Center was rented for a reception.
3. **Streets and Lights** - Eddie Hamilton was not present for a report. It was reported that a cap is broken on the sidewalk in front of Richard Young's house on 2nd Street. A sinkhole caused by a sewer leak was filled in on Tompkins Avenue.
4. **Building** - The wiring for the dusk to dawn light at Town Hall needs to be checked. Roof damage at the Senior Center was reported. Damage to the sidewalk/curb in front of Town Hall was also reported.
5. **Finance** - Treasurer, Larry Simmons reported a balance of \$119,163.02 in the General Fund. Mayor Fannin is consulting with the town's insurance company for a policy review.

6. **Building Permits** - None to report.
7. **Housing Board** - Nothing to report.
8. **Safety** - Mayor Donald Fannin reported that Allen Griffith hurt his neck and back in September. Matt Lewis went to the doctor for a shoulder injury. Paramedics were called to check the Municipal Town Clerk, Lyn Compton.
9. **Fire Department** - Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship reported 13 fire calls. Two were brush fires. One of the calls was a structure fire at Barker Hollow. There have been 10 calls for this structure all together. The Fire Marshall is investigating. To clarify the previous agreement between the Town of Glasgow and the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., John Alderson made a motion to transfer financial responsibility for Fire Truck #76 (Pierce) to the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Stan Garten made a motion to transfer the title for Fire Tanker #71 to the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion regarding annexation of houses up to and including the church at Riverside for fire protection.
10. **Police Department** - Police Chief, Chris Powell presented a stat sheet of calls from March 1, 2019 to March 18, 2019 (See attached). There was some discussion about people riding four wheelers late at night.
11. **Web Page** - Jay Ward asked the council for permission to work on and update the Town of Glasgow web page. Stan Garten made a motion for Jay Ward to resume updating the web page. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
12. **Municipal Court** - Mayor Donald Fannin reported that he thought there may be 10 to 12 people on the docket for court. There was also discussion about appointing a new municipal judge.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The check registers were presented for the checks that were written to pay some of the bills. Mayor Donald Fannin reported that he only paid the bills “to keep the lights on”. (See attached check registers). John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS - The following people requested leak adjustments for their water bills: Kelli Taylor, Carla Waugh and Shannon Edwards. Stan Garten made a motion to adjust the water bills for all the people that requested an adjustment. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Hydro-excavation Truck** - After some discussion about various parties interested in purchasing the truck, John Alderson made a motion to sign a contract with Ritchie brothers to auction it. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Ritchie Brothers would guarantee a sale price of \$350,000. Ritchie Brothers would receive a 10% commission. If a party is interested in purchasing the truck outright, Ritchie Brothers has set the price at \$375,000. Some repairs to the truck may be required. Ritchie Brothers will conduct an inspection of the vehicle.
- **Budget Meeting** - During the Budget Meeting, the Budget Committee estimated \$359,654 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Shellie Humphries from the State Auditor’s Office was contacted for assistance with the Coal Severance Tax. There will be another Budget Meeting on March 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize the budget.
- **Auditor’s Office** - Recorder, Jay Ward contacted the Auditor’s Office to request assistance with Accufund corrections. He is waiting for a reply from the Auditor’s Office.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FOIA Request** - Recorder, Jay Ward received a FOIA request from OpenTheBooks.com (See attached request). He contacted the Municipal League and was given a template for a response to the request. The Municipal League also advised a review by the town attorney. Mayor Donald Fannin said that some of the information could be gathered and entered into a spreadsheet, but it would take some time to do this. With the current financial status of the town and other pending matters, John Alderson made a motion to extend the time needed to fill the request. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Recorder Jay Ward will email OpenTheBooks.com regarding the time needed to fill the request.
- **Committees and Members** - Committees and members will be decided at a later date in order to focus on the critical issue of keeping the town incorporated.
- **Elected Officials Pay** - Mayor, Donald Fannin, Recorder, Jay Ward and Council Member, John Alderson submitted letters addressed to the Municipal Clerk declining pay for their appointed positions with the Town of Glasgow.

ORDINANCES

None

PETITIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stan Garten made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Larry Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council went into Executive Session at 20:46. At 21:35, Stan Garten made a motion to come out of Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Derek Cox was appointed as Municipal Judge for the Town of Glasgow. John Alderson made a motion to accept the appointment. Stan Garten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Due to financial limitations, some town employees were laid off, including police officer, Joe Riddle, and town workers, Matt Lewis and Jason Giles.

ADJOURNMENT

Stan Garten made a motion for adjournment. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 21:49.

Mayor Donald Fannin

Recorder Jay Ward

