

TOWN OF GLASGOW

Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 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 except Stan Garten. A quorum was present.

Minutes for the previous meeting were not available. They will be reviewed by the council at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Treasurer, Larry Simmons reported a balance of \$129,271.92 in the General Fund. Mayor Fannin reported that he is in the process of paying off some unpaid bills and assessing the town's dwindling finances. He asked citizens for ideas for raising revenue. He also reported his contact with County Commissioner, Kent Carper for advice and assistance. The representative from WV American Water Company, Dan Bickerton, discussed the possibility of making an up front payment for the sale of the water system to assist with raising revenue to help cover town expenses.

Police Department - Chief Powell informed the council and citizens that he intends to remain in his position as Chief of Police of Glasgow. The police force is down to two officers. A stat report will be given at the end of the month.

Fire Department - Chief Marty Blankenship reported that he is working with a lending company to take over the payments for the fire truck from the town. The public hearing for the sale of the fire truck will be on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. He also reported that Dollar General has requested a 90 day extension on the contract for the development of the new store. Some of the firefighters will be attending Fire School in Sissonville.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of WV American Water Proposal - The WV American Water Company is proposing the sale of the water system for \$200,000. The council and citizens agreed to move forward with the proposal.
2. Discussion of previous Council decisions:
 - Mayor Fannin reiterated the Council's previous agreement to fix Denny Barton's water problems.
 - The fire whistle will continue to announce curfew at 10:00 p.m. each night.
 - The town will no longer participate in the P-Card program. Checks will be cut to cover any expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Removal of Peggy Fisher from the bank account - John Alderson made a motion to remove Peggy Fisher from the town's bank account and add Mayor Fannin as well as Recorder, Jay Ward to the account. John Qualls seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Formation of Budget Committee - Mayor Fannin reported that the Town Budget is due to the state by March 28th. He asked for the formation of a committee to formulate the budget. The following agreed to serve on the committee: Mayor Fannin, Recorder, Jay Ward, Joyce Alderson (citizen), Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship, Chief of Police, Chris Powell, Allen Griffin (Street Department).
3. Council discussion on proceeding with projects started by previous mayor -
 - Deals.gov - Mayor Fannin's name needs to be added to the account. The sale of the hydro-excavation truck needs to be posted in the paper before it can be sold on deals.gov. Since this was not done previously, it will need to be removed from the site, posted in the paper, then the process for posting started over.
 - Each department head needs a copy of the insurance coverage list of equipment and assets, so that items no longer owned by the town can be removed from the coverage list.
4. Request for audit and assistance with Accufund from the County or State ASAP -
 - Mayor Fannin spoke with the Attorney for the Kanawha County Commission about getting assistance with the Accufund program, which is currently inaccurate.

ORDINANCES

The following ordinance was read by title and introduced by Recorder, Jay Ward:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES OF THE TOWN OF GLASGOW, WEST VIRGINIA, TO WEST VIRGINIA- AMERICAN WATER COMPANY; APPROVING THE TERMS OF SAID SALE; CAUSING THE SEVERANCE OF THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM FROM ITS SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE TRANSACTION AND SEVERANCE, AND SETTING FORTH OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

John Qualls made a motion to accept the proposal as presented in the ordinance and attached addendum.

John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

A petition was presented to the council by Glasgow citizen, Bruce Boswell. The petition requests that rental property be made exempt from B & O tax. The petition was signed by 93 people. After some discussion, Jay Ward made a motion to table the collection of B & O taxes on rental property in the town of Glasgow. John Qualls seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jay Ward made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. John Qualls seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Council went into Executive Session at 20:20. John Qualls made a motion to come out of Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 20:46.

John Alderson made a motion to remove Peggy Fisher from all appointed and unappointed positions and duties for the Town of Glasgow. John Qualls seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The position of Municipal Judge will be discussed at the next council meeting.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Several citizens discussed possibilities related to town finances:

- Dagwood Blankenship mentioned selling some of the town's buildings.
- Danny Winfree and Chief Powell discussed B & O from Nytis.
- Discussion about contractors working at the AEP Plant.
- Marty Blankenship made a Citizen's Request to send notices for delinquent water bills, then cut off water services if bills are not paid. Several citizens agreed. Lesley Taylor stressed the need for compliance with PSC rules for water service termination.
- Marty Blankenship also addressed the possibility of selling the trash truck and using an outside vendor for trash service.

ADJOURNMENT

John Qualls made a motion to adjourn. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 21:21.

Donald Fannin, Mayor

James Ward, Recorder

