

TOWN OF GLASGOW
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 19:00.

Moment of Silence was allowed and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found Wayne, John, Larry, Peggy, Carol, Eddie and Jay present. Quorum present. Previous minutes were presented; Motion was made by Jay, 2nd Carol; passed unanimously without corrections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health & Sanitation - nothing reported

Recreation – Bingo has been on hold for the summer since it was so hot in the Gym, will resume this month.

Streets & Lights - all ok

Building – 8 permits presented /Jay Ward

Finance - Larry reported the following balances per August 2017 City Nation Bank Statement:

General Fund -	\$930,985.88
Water Deposit acct -	3205.75

Eddie made a motion to accept the Finance report, 2nd Jay. Motion passed unanimous.

Burning Permits - no one from FD present

Housing Board - 5 unsightly properties need identified and notices sent. Need to check current laws re: condemning

properties. Wayne to draft letters to owners listed as paying the property taxes

Safety - Larry reported no incidents and no lost time d/t injury

Fire Dept. - no one from FD present

Police Dept. Chris Was present. They have purchased a new answering machine that directs you, if absolutely needed, to a cell phone that is passed from officer to officer at shift change.
Ofc: (304) 595-1919
Cell: (304)533-2188

Webpage committee: nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Senior Bldg – approx cost for electrical work to bring bldg to code is \$16,000. Possible source of funding found after Wayne discussed with Mr. Carper / Kanawha County Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS:

- Property/Liability Insurance:
 - a. D/T some very costly pay-outs over the past several (7) years, our insurance was cancelled effective 9/20/17.
 - Pay-outs exceeded \$800,000 vs. the ~\$250,000 we paid in premiums
 - b. The policy we have been forced into purchasing, due to poor liability history, has gone from \$39,000 / year to \$254,000 / year.
 - c. Some very difficult decisions need to be made in order to reduce this premium which will most likely be with us for the next 3- 5 years.
 - d. Wayne asked for suggestions.

- Mike Szerokman raised the question, “Why are we continuing to insure a FD that doesn’t belong to the town?”
 1. Peggy made known that the insurance company’s, who will be insuring us, opinion on this was also to discontinue coverage for the FD.
- John Alderson made statements that reflected Mr. Szerokman’s.
- Donald Fannin made note the “goose that lays the golden egg had flown,” referring to AEP’s plant closure in April 2017.
 1. Wayne reiterated our funding, due to the closure of AEP, has been reduced by over \$500,000 / year.
- Denise Fannin voiced concern over the continued success of the Glasgow FD if funding was cut.

e. A timeline as to the insurance cuts were as follows

- 1) Inventory all City & FD vehicles, boats, equipment, etc. Peggy made motion, 2nd by Jay; passed unanimously.
- 2) Town owned property needs to be reassessed and a realistic valuation placed on all parcels/buildings. Peggy made motion, John 2nd; passed unanimously.
- 3) Current deductible for comprehensive and liability coverage needs to be based on the mileage and condition of the vehicle.
 - i. Vehicles older than 2014 shall be changed to liability only.
 - ii. Vehicles newer than 2014 with less than 100,000 miles will remain covered fully.
 - iii. Deductibles shall be changed to highest allowable amount.
- 4) Letter will be sent by Mayor to Glasgow Fire Department, Inc board giving notice that coverage

for any item(s) belonging to corporation will no longer be cover by the Town of Glasgow's policies effective January 1, 2018.

- Wayne briefly reviewed and provided handouts to anyone wanting to know about the Oct.7, 2017 Road Bond vote.
- Discussion regarding combining Glasgow & CG PD's.
 - a. Several people were concerned that if we did this, PD coverage for Glasgow would be lessened. Wayne assured everyone that would not be the case.
- Peggy asked about the possibility of hiring a debt collection agency IF they worked on % of collections as opposed to a flat fee. All were in agreement to check this out.
- **Leak Adjustments** - none
- **Ordinances** - none
- **Payment of Bills** – documentation provided. It was reiterated, that if anyone would like to look at the actual invoices they can make arrangements to come into the office. Motion by Eddie; 2nd by John, passed unanimously with the exception of Jay d/t not all receipts were present.

Dagwood Blankenship–

- Wanted to know if we have a town attorney, we do not except for Molly Poe, with Pullin, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe, PLLC, who we contract on an “as needed” basis.
- Did we fix leak behind Nazarene church? John said yes
- ? re: blacktop at 118 3rd Avenue
- ? were AEP meters still present
- ?AEP contractors

Ernie Young – asked about the possibility of allowing 4-wheelers (etc) to be used in town, just from point A to point B only. No riding around in town.

John Daniels – asked why we don't have a policeman scheduled around the clock

Donald Fannin – Introduced himself as the new Neighborhood Watch liaison. Also asked about ATVs in town

Marty Blankenship – arrived late (and did not get to be present for the discussion about insurance coverage and FD.) He appeared to be quite upset and voiced his opinion that we were bashing the FD.

Peggy & Wayne reiterated to Mr. Blankenship that there was by no means a question of performance of him or the fire department. Both stated they considered GFD one of the best volunteer FDs in the county. This decision was solely a business / financial decision.

Went to Executive Session to discuss personnel matter

Eliminating Chief Plant Operator position since Becky resigned. Dewayne Barton will be the sole employee on site.

John wants to hire 2 employees. 2 PT employees and 1 would transition to FT after 6 month probation period.

Called outside that executive session was complete, there was nothing to vote on.

Meeting was adjourned at 2201.

Wayne Armstrong, Mayor

Peggy S. Fisher, Recorder