

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Mayor Fannin, Dee Leadmon, Mike Szerokman, John Alderson and Jay Ward. Absent: Eddie Hamilton and Marty Blankenship. A quorum was present.

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

Minutes for previous meetings were presented for approval. John Alderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Council Meeting on February 6, 2020. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Szerokman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting on February 6, 2020. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Szerokman made a motion to accept the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on February 13, 2020. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Sanitation - Mayor Fannin reported that the bypass pump is helping with the sewer problem on Tompkins Ave.

Recreation - Nothing to report.

Streets and Lights - Eddie Hamilton was not present to present a report.

Building - The carpet in the Senior Building needs to be cleaned.

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported a balance of \$230,067.62 in the General Fund and \$4,010.75 in the Utility Fund. A copy of the bills paid were presented to the council for review.

Burning Permits - No permits were issued.

Housing Board - Nothing to report.

Safety - Kenneth Hudnall got a piece of metal in his eye while welding. He received medical treatment for it.

Fire Department - Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship was not present to give a report.
Police Department - An application for an additional officer will be posted and an ad will be placed in the newspaper.
Street Department - A representative was not present to report.
Web Page - Nothing new to report.
Municipal Court - Nothing currently on the docket.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewer Issue on Tompkins - The town received an estimate from C.J. Hughes to fix the issue. The estimate was for \$53,074.50. The plan is to secure a \$50,000.00 loan for the repair and ask the County Commission for assistance. John Alderson will negotiate a meeting with the County Commission to discuss the plan and ask for assistance.

Financial Audit Update - Recorder, Jay Ward had a meeting with Stewart Stickler from the State Auditor's Office. The town has not been audited since 2013. The cost for auditing 2013-2019 would be approximately \$50,000.00. Mr. Stickler proposed asking the State Auditor if he would approve forgiving audits for the years 2013-2015. The council would also have to approve this. The State Auditor's office would perform audits for the past three years for an approximate cost of \$25,000.00. The state would set up a payment plan for the town.

Recorder, Jay Ward and Clerk, Natalie Hackworth met with Mr. Dave Snowden regarding the annual report for both the water and sewer and utility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. After council discussion about the meeting, John Alderson made a motion to hire Mr. Snowden to compile information for the annual report for a total fee of \$5,000.00. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of New Mobile Home Request - There was an inquiry about placing a double-wide mobile home on a lot on 4th Avenue. The building and mobile home ordinances were reviewed. It was decided that a plan would need to be submitted to the council for review.

Noise Ordinance - Reverend Franklin Goff from the Glasgow Nazarene Church asked to speak to the council in regard to noise ordinance complaints. Some citizens had complained about music being played through speakers placed on the outside of the church. Reverend Goff explained that his intent was to play the music as an introduction to worship services. (See attached letter.) After much discussion about the specifics of the town ordinance (7.1.16 - Noise), there were several suggestions related to resolving the issue. Suggestions included filing a formal complaint or rewriting the ordinance. No formal decisions were voted upon.

Jake Brakes on Route 60 - Mayor Fannin received a request to consider the possibility of creating an ordinance banning "jake brakes" on Route 60. He will talk with Police Chief, Jack Ice and check with the town of Chesapeake about their ordinance.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Granting Easements and Right of Ways to WVAW - Recorder, Jay Ward presented the second reading of the ordinance. Mike Szerokman made a motion to accept the second reading. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

- Reverend Franklin Goff - Noise Ordinance (See New Business)
- Joe Zakas - Neighbors' barking dogs are a nuisance.
- Doreen Cox - Cars parked at the town building on Route 60 are making it difficult to see when pulling out. Safety issue.
- Dagwood Blankenship - Dogs are running loose in town.

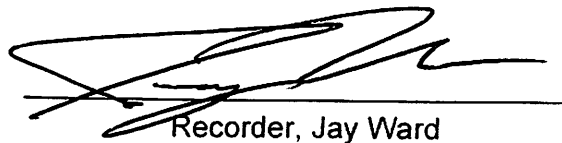
EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Szerokman made a motion to adjourn. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor, Donald Fannin



Recorder, Jay Ward

Mr. Mayor Fannin
Members of Council
All Observers

Thank you for allowing me to speak a few words concerning our differences. Let me say we are not trying to upset anyone only announce that church has started and we are singing.

Perhaps we did over do our efforts on occasion or two but we wanted the community to know we were there. For any discomfort or problems this caused we offer our apology.

The city has been very kind to our church and considerate in many ways. We appreciate all of that and you even allowed us to park freely during church services. We hope this will continue for we want to be an asset to the community and good neighbors also.

We have no intention of violating any noise-ordinance laws. I understand the ordinance was a night time rule from 9 PM to 6 AM not a 24-7 rule.

We will be considerate and careful as we proceed with church services at the church. What ever we do someone will complain about it. It seems that our sin-ridden society is doing all it can to quiet the church and are seeking the aid and assistance of the courts and laws to accomplish their goals.

I have talked with a few citizens of our town and sought their thoughts about noise, nuances, and other things. One said the dog barked all night, others said that in summer months too many lawn mowers were in operation on Sunday mornings. Last week a lady drove by the church and stopped to tell us that her husband was sick and unable to get to church so they appreciated the music and hoped we would continue.

I would imagine if a survey was taken you would find a majority would not object to our ringing the church bell and playing a hymn every Sunday morning at 10:45 AM. We never had intentions of making a habit of playing the entire service. It was just an introduction to worship services, Sunday morning only.

Let me conclude with a fact. The VA is my supplement insurance. At all the VA facilities at 8:05 AM every morning all gets quiet, people stop in the hallways, stand at their desks, and all stand at attention, salute and say the pledge to the flag.. We are loyal to our flag and country. Our motto is "In God We Trust". We believe the church, our military and the government all play a little part and remember, "Little is Much When God is in it".

I hesitate to tell you this. I am a veteran of the Korean War where in 37 months 54,246 of our men and women died for our cause. That is an average of about 1,750 every week. I had 15 months of duty in an Infantry Division. When the enemy was about to attack and got close to our position they had loud music blaring about one half mile behind their lines. You know what they played.... "The Star Spangled Banner". They knew we stood at attention when we heard the music and they mocked us for staying in position and fighting back. They tried to demoralize us but in the end I came home with a different out-look on life and this great country that we enjoy. It is free because so many of us fought to keep it that way. I am still doing my best to contribute.

We will comply to any moderate and reasonable plan you can help us and the community to share. We feel strongly in America and here in Glasgow that we can ring the church bell and play a call to worship from the church every Sunday morning at 1045 AM.

We hope you will consider this small gesture to announce that it is church time here in Glasgow. Thank you for your consideration of our desire to call our community to worship with us or the church of their choice.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rev. Franklin W. Goff