

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2020

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

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

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

Minutes for the previous meeting were presented for approval. Mike Szerokman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported a balance of \$372,152.99 in the General Fund and \$4,010.75 in the Utility Fund. He also reported a balance of \$24,075.05 in the Police Fund and \$18,008.34 in the Infrastructure Fund. The council reviewed financial statements for bills paid and payments received by the town. Suddenlink sent another check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for B & O. Recorder, Jay Ward, announced that the audit process is scheduled to start the week of August 24th.

Police Department - Chief of Police, Jack Ice, reported that the candidate that was being considered as a second police officer will not be able to take the position. A car was stolen from the Glasgow Tire and Auto lot. A warrant for the suspect was issued. Chief Ice distributed copies of the new law passed by the legislature to allow four wheelers on highways. Mayor Fannin is designating a parking spot for Chief Ice's police car at Town Hall.

Fire Department - Fire Chief, Marty Blankenship, reported 8 calls for the fire department in July and 3 calls in August so far. The fire department took part in training 10 doctors at Kanawha Falls. The phone at the fire department is still not working. Chief Blankenship asked permission for the fire department to use the Senior Building to train new firemen on the days of August 15th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd. Permission was

granted. Chief Blankenship also reported that he is applying for a \$1,000.00 grant from WVAW for adapters for the new hydrants.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls, reported that the street department has been working on sewer maintenance and cutting grass. The GMC truck needs a new bed in preparation for the winter season. A wooden bed could be made or a bed replacement could be found. Further discussion is needed. Mike Szerokman offered to donate a lock for the park gate. The council discussed the need for new tracks for the excavator. John Qualls, presented a price of \$1,174.00 for the tracks. Mike Szerokman made a motion to purchase the tracks for that price. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. After some discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to pursue and purchase a new trailer to haul the excavator, for a cost of \$4,000.00 or less. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. John Qualls also reported that there are some storm drains in town that are sinking and need to be repaired. He asked the council to start considering purchasing road salt for the winter. The council discussed the issue related replacing the topsoil at the Hudson residence due to the sewer drain collapse on Tompkins Ave. that was previously repaired. Further research needs to be done before proceeding.

OLD BUSINESS

Grass Ordinance - No letters have been issued yet. Grass in the sidewalks is still an issue.

Unpaid Water/Sewer Bills and Town Fees - Recorder, Jay Ward, presented a sample of a termination letter generated from the Accufund computer system. Town Clerk, Natalie Hackworth and Office Manager, Dee Leadmon generated a list of citizens that will receive water termination letters due to unpaid sewer bills. The citizen will have 14 days to pay before termination occurs.

Melrose Repair - Mayor Fannin will follow up with CJ Hughes.

Sewer Rates - Jay Ward and Marty Blankenship will generate a plan to proceed with the sewer rate increase.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash Ordinance - The council discussed the on-going issue of debris and trash in yards and on porches. Some residents are also putting out bulk trash without calling for pick up. Recorder, Jay Ward, will send a copy of the Trash Ordinance to the town attorney for review.

Dollar General - Mayor Fannin clarified penalties for unpaid B & O and reported that Dollar General has received credit for their B & O overpayment.

Safety Committee - Brim Insurance sent copies of safety information for the Safety Committee and town workers. The Safety Committee will meet and report to the council, which will be recorded in the council meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes will be sent to Brim for documentation in order to receive a discount on the insurance rate. The Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. to review the information sent by Brim.

Speeding Issues with Contractors - The council discussed the on-going speeding problem with contractors as well as residents.

Hole on Sycamore Ave. - Mayor Fannin will contact Mike Ward for repair.

ORDINANCES - Nothing to report.

PETITIONS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marty Blankenship made a motion to go into an Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session started at 8:28 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Marty Blankenship made a motion to accept Town Attorney, Ray Keener's letter to the attorney of Mark McDaniels. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Mayor, Donald Fannin

Handwritten signature of Jay Ward, consisting of a cursive signature followed by a horizontal line.

Recorder, Jay Ward