

TOWN OF GLASGOW

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2020

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

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

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

Minutes for the previous meetings were presented for approval. John Alderson made a motion to approve the minutes for the special council meeting on October 8th as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Szerokman made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting on October 1st as presented. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Sanitation - Nothing to report.

Recreation - After a discussion regarding the reopening of the park, John Alderson made a motion to keep the park closed until further notice. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Streets and Lights - Eddie Hamilton will submit a list of streetlights that are out to Mayor Fannin. There are at least 5.

Buildings - The council reviewed bids to repair or replace the doors at Town Hall. Mike Szerokman made a motion to contract Mr. Handyman to fix or replace the doors for \$867.00. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance - The council reviewed the financial report.

Burning Permits - One permit has been signed and issued.

Housing Board - Nothing to report.

Safety - The fire department took the old fire truck to the bay of the town building on Route 60. The truck leaked gasoline onto the floor of the bay. It was cleaned up without incident.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship was not present to report.

Police Department - David Puffenburger resigned his position as officer for the Town of Glasgow. Two applications for the position have been received.

Street Department Report - Director of Public Works, John Qualls asked permission to contact the Town of Belle about borrowing their sewer line jetter to clean the sewer lines. He reported a daily flow average of 60,000 gallons per day at the sewer plant. He needs the following supplies to complete projects: blacktop patch for the Melrose culvert repair, as well as toilet and supply line for the fire department bathrooms. He reported that 5 tons of salt has already been purchased for winter. 5 more tons have been ordered and will be delivered soon. The council discussed using the old GMC town truck for a salt truck. A fuel pump is needed at a cost of \$139.00. Jay Ward made a motion to purchase the fuel pump. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Eddie Hamilton will check on a bed for the GMC truck. John Alderson made a motion for Eddie Hamilton to purchase the bed for \$350.00, if he determines that the bed is worth the cost. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The sidewalks on 1st Avenue and the alley need to be replaced. Call DOH to inspect the sidewalks and road on 1st Avenue.

Municipal Court - Nothing on the docket.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

P CARD STATEMENT

Mayor Fannin reported to the council that he made a P Card payment.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

An adjustment for \$152.82 is needed for Tammy Keenan's account. Jay Ward made a motion to make the adjustment. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Web Page -Recorder, Jay Ward reported on his meeting with Tina Cobb to learn more about updating and managing the web page. Council member email addresses and bio information needs to be submitted before Dec. 31st. After some discussion about posting town ordinances on the web page, Mike Szerokman made a motion to post all town ordinances on the web page. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Dept. - *See Committee Reports.

Kanawha County Sheriff Help - Sgt. Rick Kegler from the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department spoke to the council about the possibility of extra police coverage, due to the difficulties that the town is having with hiring and retaining police officers. He proposed a program in which county deputies would work 4 hour shifts to patrol the town at designated times at a reduced rate of \$40.00 per hour, for a total of 38 hours of coverage per week. Deputies would stay in town during the 4 hours for the purpose of patrolling. During the times that the deputies are not in town, the Sheriff's Department would still respond to 911 calls. There would be no fuel, equipment costs or insurance coverage paid by the town. The program could start as early as November. It would be a month by month agreement until the town is able to hire an officer or officers in permanent positions. Jay Ward made a motion to accept the agreement with the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department for police coverage. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council needs to discuss a schedule to prepare for the program, which will start in November.

Stopping Trash Service for Non Payment - The council discussed a Letter of Intent to be distributed to citizens who are in arrears on trash service payments. Jay Ward will draft the letter. Residents will be given until the first of the year to get caught up on payments or make arrangements for payments. If payments are still not made after the first of the year, trash pickup service may be terminated until payments are made.

NEW BUSINESS

CARES Act Utility Grant - Residents can apply for a grant to pay for sewer bills.

Opening the Park - * See Committee Reports (Recreation)

ORDINANCES

Open Burn Ordinance - The council reviewed a draft of the revised Burn Ordinance. The first reading of the revised ordinance will be at the next meeting.

Littering Fines - Residents can be fined up to \$100.00 according to the ordinance on record.

PETITIONS

Dagwood Blankenship - Requested information regarding the amount of money in the Infrastructure Fund and Police Fee Fund. Recorder, Jay Ward supplied him with the current amounts in the funds. He also inquired about the timeline for the street department to finish repainting the lines on the streets.

Kim Wilkerson - Asked the council to consider repairs that need to be made to sidewalks and streets on 1st Avenue and the alley behind it. The council will contact DOH regarding the possibility of an inspection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Eddie Hamilton made a motion to convene an Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session convened at 8:56 p.m.

Jay Ward made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

No vote was needed after the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Mayor, Donald Fannin

Recorder, Jay Ward