

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2021

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll call was taken. All members were present except Dee Leadmon. A quorum was present. Town Attorney, Ray Keener was also in attendance.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$368,239.57
Sewer Utility Fund - \$2,216.44
Police Fee Fund - \$72,967.97
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$57,926.48
Coal Severance Fund - \$4,007.84
American Rescue Project Fund - \$162,621.25

The council reviewed the minutes for the July 19th Finance Committee Meeting. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The council reviewed and discussed the most current check register.

Mayor Fannin asked the council to consider a set amount for spending by the mayor or recorder in emergency situations (without council's approval). Marty Blankenship made a motion for a cap of \$1,000.00 for emergency spending situations without council's immediate approval. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 5 fire calls so far this month. The department conducted training with a group of doctors at the Boy Scout Jamboree. The location for the upcoming Vigilant Guard drill is still being finalized. The fire department drone is being repaired.

Police Department - Officer Drake reported 4 calls, 3 reports written, several warnings to citizens about cutting grass, assistance with 3 or 4 calls with the Kanawha County deputies, and assistance with a wreck. After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to purchase a hot spot for the police department laptop from AT&T at a cost of \$40 per month. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Officer Drake is going to research prices for an external hard drive.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls reported that the installation of the sewer line on Glasgow Avenue has been completed. The street department is finishing painting the street lines and curbs. Town vehicles to be sold will be posted in the paper. Dye tests will be conducted on the Town Hall gutter system to determine if rain water is infiltrating the building.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Marty Blankenship made a motion to pay the bills. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kanawha County Humane Society Update - Jay Ward spoke with the interim director of the KCHS about the possibility of a set rate for services. The council discussed proposing a yearly rate of \$1,200 that would include patrols by a humane officer every two weeks, checking with Town Hall about complaints and being on call for emergency situations. Jay will call the KCHS back with the proposal.

Housing Board Update - See meeting minutes.

Gym Roof Update - Contractors are working on the roof and it should be finished soon.

Melrose Update - Jay Ward got in contact with Steve Giannini. The project is next on his list and should be starting within the next two weeks.

Prioritizing Federal Money - The Town of Glasgow received \$162,621.25 from the American Rescue Project. A portion of the money will be spent on sewer plant updates. Estimates and ideas for sewer plant maintenance will be gathered. A jetter for the sewer department is also being considered.

Sewer Plant Security Cameras - Jay Ward, Dee Leadmon, Officer Brian Drake and Director of Public Works, John Qualls met with a representative from First Security to discuss installation of cameras and a security system at the sewer plant. The installation will cost \$3,000.00 and the monthly monitoring fee will be \$35-40 per month. John Alderson made a motion to approve installation of cameras and a security system at the sewer plant. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Suddenlink - The council discussed the Suddenlink fees for the lines at the street department and police department. The council decided to attempt a renegotiation for lower fees. The council also discussed getting a cordless phone for the sewer plant. John Alderson made a motion to purchase a cordless phone for the sewer plant. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase our own routers - After discussion, the council decided to continue renting routers instead of purchasing.

ORDINANCES - Nothing to discuss.

PETITIONS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Alderson made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session started at 8:49.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:04.

The council unanimously decided to change the Town Hall hours to 8:30 - 5:00.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Mayor, Donald Fannin

Recorder, Jay Ward