

**TOWN OF GLASGOW**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 4, 2022**

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

Roll call was taken. The following were present: Mayor Fannin, Recorder, Jay Ward, Dee Leadmon, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, Marty Blankenship and John Alderson. Town Attorney, Ray Keener was also present.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** - Mayor Fannin reported the following fund balances:

General Fund - \$320,785.30  
American Relief Act Fund - \$257,831.11  
Police Fund - \$47,767.38  
Infrastructure Fund - \$64,090.59  
Coal Severance Fund - \$9,373.20  
Sewer Fund - \$3,441.44

Recorder, Jay Ward reported to the council that an AccuFund Aging Report indicates that there is approximately \$47,000 in unpaid Town Fees. More information will be gathered and analyzed.

**Fire Department** - Chief Blankenship reported that the new gutters have been installed at the fire department building. He also reported 5 calls so far this month. The fire department has been approved for grant funding to hire an architect and engineer to start plans for the construction of the new fire department building.

**Police Department** - Officer Richards reported that he continues to patrol for speeding and safety concerns in town.

**Street Department** - Director of Public Works, John Qualls asked the council to consider the cost effectiveness of repairing the 4 inch trash pump for the sewer department. After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to take the pump to The Best Hardware in Marmet for evaluation. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. Recorder, Jay Ward abstained from voting. John Qualls also reported that the aerator at the sewer department is broken and the Marmet Sewer Department will assist with removal of the aerator so that it can be sent off for repairs. The council discussed and clarified the proposed Sewer Jetter Liability Release Form with Town Attorney, Ray Keener.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Sewer Plant Electrical Status** - The electrical updates at the sewer plant have been completed.

**Gutter Repair Fire Department** - This project has been completed.

**Town Security Cameras** - The company will be contacted to determine projected installation dates.

**Paving Melrose/Potholes Tompkins Start Date** - The contractor is still behind schedule due to weather and will start the project as soon as possible.

**Town Celebration** - Plans for the celebration have been tabled.

**Contractors for Town Projects** - There have been difficulties getting contractors to respond to bid requests.

**Senior Building Roof and Handicap Access** - This project will start after the Town Hall projects have been completed.

**Notification to Landlords** - Council discussed the ongoing issue of tracking rental properties and responsibilities for unpaid town fees.

**Paving Street Repairs** - See Paving Melrose and Tomkins potholes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Zoning for Businesses** - The council discussed the possibility of business zoning in the future. Jay Ward will contact representatives from the Kanawha County Commission for guidance.

**Residence Cleanup** - Ordinances need to be enforced.

**Humane Society (Dogs)** - Complaints about dogs chasing citizens were discussed.

**ATV Permits and Speeding** - ATV's without permits and speeding through town are becoming an issue.

**Hiring Another Street Department Person** - A new person has been hired.

**Legal Stuff** - To be discussed in the Executive Session.

**Speed Limit Radar Signs** - Council discussed this idea and will check into costs.

**Charleston Alliance** - Representatives from the Charleston Alliance gave a presentation to the council with information regarding possible future plans for the Upper Kanawha Valley. The Charleston Alliance is working with the Kanawha County Commission to develop a plan with a long term vision of transforming the Upper Kanawha Valley into a gateway to the New River Gorge National Park. The plan would encourage the development of outdoor recreation systems and businesses to support the systems. Ideas for development that were mentioned included hiking and biking trails, a 4X4 Jeep trail system, water access points, equestrian trails, primitive and RV campgrounds, lodging and the development of the Mammoth Preserve near Smithers. The alliance would also work with entrepreneurs to open small businesses. The representatives encouraged the council to consider forming a Leadership Team to work with them on this project as well as other community based projects.

## **ORDINANCES**

Enforcement of the grass ordinance and speeding were discussed.

## **PETITIONS**

No petitions were presented.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Marty Blankenship made a motion to convene an Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session convened at 9:04 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned 9:38 p.m.

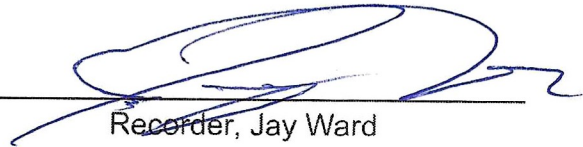
No vote was needed following the Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dee Leadmon made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



Mayor, Donald Fannin



Recorder, Jay Ward