

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2022

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

Roll call was taken. Council members present included: Mayor Fannin, Recorder, Jay Ward, Dee Leadmon, Mike Szerokman, Marty Blankenship, Eddie Hamilton and John Alderson. Also in attendance was Town Attorney, Ray Keener.

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 accept the minutes as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$322,576.72
Utility Fund - \$2,391.44
Police Fund - \$64,858.53
Infrastructure Fund - \$43,612.023
Coal Severance Fund - \$5,081.37
American Relief Act Fund - \$113.945.00

The council reviewed the check register. Recorder, Jay Ward reported to the council that he obtained information from the bank about service charges to the town checking account. The account was started many years ago and was set up to receive interest. The interest rates are so low, that the town is paying more in service charges than making interest. After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to change the account over to a different type of checking without the service charges. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported the following to the council:

February - 15 calls in total: 1 accident, 7 structure fires, 5 assistance calls, 1 service call and 1 natural gas leak.

March (Up to March 3rd): 1 investigation, 1 vehicle fire, 1 brush fire

Chief Blankenship also reported that the fire department has been subject to an audit for the 5th year in a row. All paperwork was audit paperwork was turned in.

Police Department - Chief Drake reported the following to the council:

3 calls since the last meeting: 2 traffic stops and one stop for speeding.

He also reported three estimates to have the tailgate fixed on the Expedition. The bid from Wreck-a-Mended at \$400 was the lowest. Marty Blankenship made a motion to accept the bid from Wreck-a-Mended for \$400. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. To put the police department Impala back in service, some repairs were needed. Jay Ward made a motion to allow up to \$800 worth of repairs for the Impala. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls was not present to report. He was attending a training in Utah for the new sewer jetter.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Hall Update - Giannini Construction gave an estimate of \$14,000 for sidewalk replacement, drains and a new handicap ramp. After some discussion, the council decided that the street department can remove a section of the sidewalk to explore the possible causes of the water issue. Jay Ward made a motion for the street department to explore the water issue before hiring Giannini Construction. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Recorder, Jay Ward reported to the council that Kanawha County Clerk, Vera McCormick sent a request to use the Town Hall gym as a polling place for the 2022 general elections. Due to the ongoing issue of mold and water damage in the gym, the Recorder asked the council for permission to

deny the request for the gym as a polling location. After discussion, the council agreed that Jay should contact Vera McCormick about the situation for advice.

Sewer Plant Electrical Update - Due to safety concerns, John Qualls requested that a panel be moved inside the sewer plant. The cost will be \$2,500. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the payment of \$2,500 to move the panel. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jay Ward also requested an estimate for an automatic transfer switch.

LED Lights Park Update - AEP representatives met with Mayor Fannin to replace some street lights in town with LED lights. Some lights replaced include the ones on Tompkins, by the sewer plant, at the park, the boat dock and by the senior building.

Town Security Cameras - Mayor Fannin tried to contact the company representatives, but has not received a reply.

Town Clean Up Day - Town Clean Up Day will be on April 23rd. Marty Blankenship spoke with David Workman who is in charge of Kanawha County Clean Up. To facilitate an easier clean up for residents, the town garbage truck will collect any eligible items that residents would like to dispose of and make a trip to the landfill at no charge. DEP will pay for the town's dump fees. In addition, the town garbage truck will participate in the South Charleston and Elkview/Clendenin clean ups. The county will pay \$500 for service to each location. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the plan for use of the town garbage truck to assist with clean up in our community and others. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Yard Sale - The date for the Town Yard Sale is still June 4th with a rain date of June 11th. Mayor Fannin will advertise on Facebook.

Lien Updates - All recent lien notices have been served.

Summer Hires - Mayor Fannin will advertise the positions on the Glasgow Information Page on Facebook.

Sewer Rate Discussion - After further review of the Proforma document, it was discovered that the proposed rates would increase the rate around 130% instead of the intended 100% increase. Jay Ward made a motion to table the current first reading of the sewer rate increase with the understanding that a new sewer rate increase proposal will be presented at the next council meeting. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously. The council also discussed the need to create a separate bank account for the sewer plant.

NEW BUSINESS

Trimming Trees Around Town - Discussion regarding trees in town that need to be trimmed. Trees on the 300 block of 3rd Avenue need to be the first to be trimmed. Mike Szerokman is donating the use of his pole pruner.

Spring Cookout for Employees - Mayor Fannin discussed his plans for a spring cookout for town employees. He would like to invite town employees for Cedar Grove, Belle and Marmet as well to thank them for all of the assistance that they have been willing to give our town.

Swimming Pool Grants - Mayor Fannin received some information from Larry Rown about possible grants that may be used for the swimming pool. He will call back on March 15th to get more information when it is released. Updates will be received on March 21st as well.

ORDINANCES - Nothing to report.

PETITIONS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marty Blankenship made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session started at 8:49.

Mike Szerokman made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 9:00 p.m.

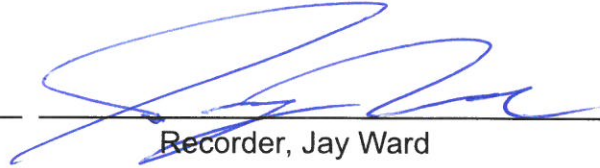
After the Executive Session, a vote was needed. John Alderson made a motion to draft a letter to Peggy Fisher regarding her request for a pump motor reimbursement. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Marty Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Mayor, Donald Fannin



Recorder, Jay Ward