

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2022

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

Roll call was taken. Those present included: Mayor Fannin, Recorder, Jay Ward, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton and John Alderson. Marty Blankenship participated by phone. Dee Leadmon was absent. Town Attorney, Ray Keener was also present.

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

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

Amended minutes for the March 3rd council meeting were presented for approval. Mike Szerokman made a motion to approve the amended minutes as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - The council reviewed the bank register. There was a question about the \$17 minimum fee for the meter on 5th avenue. The council also discussed a possible problem with the meter in the Senior Building. The electric bill has been higher than expected. John Qualls will turn off the breaker temporarily and Mayor Fannin will call AEP. After review and discussion, Mike Szerokman made a motion to approve the bank register. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$300,817.77
Utility Fund - \$2,314.44
Police Fund - \$55,848.88
Infrastructure Fund - \$50,453.73
American Relief Act Fund - \$112,296.35
Coal Severance Fund - \$7,699.90

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 2 calls so far in April. One structure fire and one unresponsive call. The fire department has applied for a grant to hire an architect/engineer for the new fire department.

Police Department - Darrick Cox has been reappointed as the Glasgow Chief of Police. He reported to the council that the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department deputies have resumed patrols in Glasgow. Officer Richards continues the night patrol. Chief Cox also reported some domestic disturbances and delivery package thefts.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls reported that the streets have been cleaned. The street department will assist with clean up work at the historic cemetery on Melrose. After discussion, Jay Ward made a motion to give John Qualls access to security cameras at the sewer plant. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council discussed a mower issue. The town's riding lawn mower needs to be replaced. After considering bids/estimates, Jay Ward made a motion for the street department to purchase a Troybilt riding mower from Tractor Supply at a cost of \$1,979.99. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The trash truck is currently operational but needs a new sensor. Mayor Fannin will check into the possibility of using the Mount Olive Inmate Work Program for summer help with projects around town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mike Szerokman made a motion to pay the bills. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trimming Trees Around Town - Approximately 90% of the tree trimming has been completed.

Town Hall Update - John Qualls will make arrangements with the Town of Marmet to borrow their hydro truck to clean out the drains around Town Hall. He also plans to use a concrete leveler and seal the doors to prevent water from seeping into the building. After discussion, John Alderson made a motion for air quality testing to be performed so that the building can be reopened. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Plant Update - Approximately 80% of the project to rewire the sewer department is complete. A transfer switch still needs to be ordered.

LED Lights, Park Update - Still waiting on AEP to start this project.

Town Security Cameras - Nothing new to report.

Spring Cookout for Employees - Still planning to host a spring cookout for the street department employees from surrounding communities as a gesture of appreciation for their assistance.

Swimming Pool Grants - The council discussed the possibility of applying for grant money to refurbish the swimming pool. Grants for sewer projects were also discussed. Marty Blankenship and Leslie Taylor spoke to the council about the process.

Paving Melrose - An ad needs to be placed in the paper to get quotes for this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Potholes Tompkins - Need quotes for this project.

Grant Writer - The council discussed the possibility of hiring a grant writer.

Use of Federal Money - American Relief Act funds have been used for sewer projects.

ORDINANCES - Nothing to report.

PETITIONS - Attorney, Larry Rowe has encouraged the council to apply for a grant to clean up the historic cemetery on Melrose.

George Harkless, from Cedar Grove attended the council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Marty Blankenship made a motion to convene an Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting started at 8:48 p.m.

Jay Ward made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

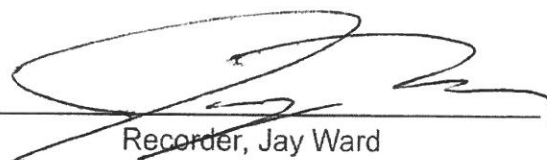
Following the Executive Session, a vote was needed. Jay Ward made a motion to interview Jarod Richards for the position of police officer and to allow Officer Tyler Richards to drive the Impala to and from work with a GPS installed for a period not to exceed six months. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Mayor, Donald Fannin



Recorder, Jay Ward