

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2023

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

Roll call was taken. Those in attendance included: Mayor Fannin, Recorder Jay Ward, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, Dee Leadmon, Marty Blankenship, John Alderson and 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. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$257,253.27
American Relief Act Fund - \$189,728.51
Police Fee Fund - \$30,326.58
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$95,927.40
Coal Severance Fund - \$1,889.33
Sewer Fund - \$122,643.39

The council reviewed the bank register. The council discussed the renewal of the annual contract with Mountaineer Computer Systems. If the payment is made in one installment before May 31st, the cost will be reduced to \$2,107.20. John Alderson made a motion to renew the contract for \$2,107.20. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council also discussed the upcoming Insurance Renewal Proposal for July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2024. The council agreed to review and update the insurance policy before renewing.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 47 fire calls for the month of April. He stated that it was a record. There were a few injuries but no fatalities. The fire department received a Department of Natural Resources Grant to purchase 2 chainsaws and a leaf blower. These will be purchased from The Best Hardware. The grant will also allow for the purchase of 2 box lights. Chief Blankenship also reported that the fire department has made the first cut for the Congressional Spending List for 4 million dollars. If awarded, the money will pay for the construction of the new fire department building on Route 60. The fire department will conduct fire hose testing in the near future and will need to close Tompkins Ave. temporarily during testing.

Police Department - Officer Richards was unable to attend.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls reported that work at the Senior Building is almost done. The Marmet hydro truck will be used to clean out the drains on 1st Avenue. The sweeper will be used on the streets and some curbs have been repaired.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Mike Szerokman made a motion to pay the bills. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library - The Glasgow Branch Library officially reopened on May 1st. The library will be open on Mondays from 11:30 - 7:00. More days and hours may be added later as new staff is hired.

Security Cameras - Jay Ward spoke with Thomas Baker from the City of Montgomery about security cameras for the town of Glasgow. Marty Blankenship made a motion to set up a meeting with Thomas Baker to discuss installing more security cameras in town. Jay Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Senior Building Roof Repairs - Waiting on parts and materials to repair or replace a door, ceiling and AC unit.

Lien Update - The council discussed contacting Adkins and Ogle regarding questions about procedures for collecting on delinquent accounts. The council also discussed the possibility of creating a Municipal Fee which would include Police, Infrastructure and Trash.

Boat Dock - No updates to report.

Elections - Attorney Ray Keener presented an opinion letter to the council regarding the election forms for council approval. The council requested one amendment to the letter. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the letter with the amendment. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Melrose Paving - The paving project has started. The surface water runoff on Melrose Drive needs to be addressed.

Sheena Building Repairs - Project still on the docket.

Code Enforcement Officer - No update to report.

Grant Writer - After a brief discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to set up a meeting with Chris Burford from New River Engineering about a grant writer that he recommended. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Yard Sale Date - John Alderson made a motion to schedule the Town Yard Sale for Saturday, June 3rd. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The yard sales can start at 7:00 a.m.

Congressional Direct Spending - The Town of Glasgow made first cut on Senator Machin's and Senator Capito's Congressional Direct Spending list for the sewer project.

Police Budget - The council discussed the fact that the budget for the police department is dwindling. Cost saving measures include the elimination of a take home vehicle and elimination of overtime pay and the termination of internet and phone service that was not being utilized.

New River Engineering Start Date - Marty Blankenship will find out the projected start date and report back to the council.

ORDINANCES

2nd Reading of the Council Rate of Pay - Jay Ward presented the second reading of the ordinance to amend the Council Rate of Pay. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the amended ordinance as presented. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

Jeff Stegall asked the council to consider allowing the street department to repair an area of his property that is sinking, possibly due to an old storm drain line. The council agreed that the street department needs to investigate and repair if it is a town issue. Marty Blankenship made a motion for the street department to investigate. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


John Alderson made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session convened at 8:07 p.m.

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

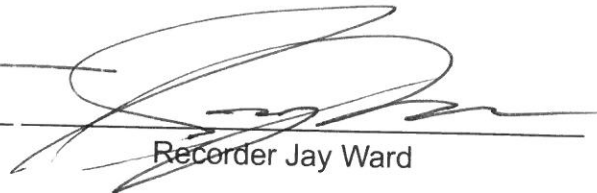
No vote was needed following the Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward