

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2023

Town Recorder Jay Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken. Those present included: Recorder Jay Ward, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, John Alderson and Dee Leadmon. Mayor Fannin and Marty Blankenship were absent. Town Attorney Ray Keener was 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. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Amended minutes for the May 4th meeting will be emailed to council members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Recorder Jay Ward reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$236,579.82
American Relief Act Fund - \$189,728.51
Police Fee Fund - \$31,988.56
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$52,422.50
Coal Severance Fund - \$1,889.33
Sewer Fund - \$128,186.05
Sewer Reserve Account - \$3,025.25

A budget revision was needed for the election. Mike Szerokman made a motion to move \$1,500 from the Town Hall line item to the Election line item in the budget. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. The following voted in favor of the motion: Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, Dee Leadmon, John Alderson and Jay Ward.

Accountant Dave Howell reviewed and discussed the Audit Report with the council.

The Humane Society is requesting \$2,000 for services for the 23-24 FY. The council will consider the request and discuss again at a future meeting.

The council reviewed a copy of the bank register.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship was not present to report.

Police Department - No one was present to report for the Police Department.

Street Department - Director of Public Works, John Qualls reported to the council. Five copperheads were killed by street department workers while cutting grass around the railroad tracks. John Qualls asked the council to consider purchasing two snake traps at a cost of \$120. John Alderson made a motion to purchase the snake traps. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. Jay Ward abstained from voting. John Qualls also asked the council to consider purchasing materials for the Melrose drain project at a cost of \$2,164. New River Engineering will be working in town on June 5th, 6th and 7th. They will be back on June 23rd for smoke testing. The sewer plant needs a pump seal and 4 sheets of plywood for the rotors at a total cost of \$4,500. Dee Leadmon made a motion to purchase the pump seal and plywood. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras - Jay Ward will set up a meeting with Thomas Baker to discuss camera placement in town.

Senior Building - The AC unit has been ordered and one door still needs to be replaced.

Lien Update - The Town of Glasgow has officially discontinued service with Adkins and Ogle law firm. Mike Szerokman agreed to continue his work with the liens. He will check with Town Clerk Natalie Smith for updates on the liens. The council briefly discussed rewriting the ordinance to create one Municipal Fee which would include police, infrastructure and trash. Property owners would be responsible for ensuring that renters are up to date with Municipal Fee payments.

Boat Dock Bids - The specs for the project need to be changed and the bid placed in the paper again. Dee Leadmon made a motion to create a new scope of work for the boat dock and place the bid in the paper. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Elections - Early elections have already taken place. The regular election will still be taking place on June 13th at the Glasgow United Methodist Church annex building.

Sheena Building Repairs - The new AC unit has been ordered and should be delivered by next week.

Code Enforcement Officer - No response yet from Marmet Town Council about the possibility of sharing a code enforcement officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Houses and Junked Yards - The council discussed several properties in town that are not in compliance with the grass ordinance. One property has junked cars that need to be removed in accordance with the town ordinances.

Weeds AEP - Weeds and tree branches along the AEP fence line need to be taken care of. The weeds on the Diversified property along Route 60 and on Sycamore Lane also need to be taken care of.

Water Issue on Melrose - See Street Department report regarding this project

Miscellaneous Town Issues - Mike Szerokman is making notes about issues related to ordinance enforcement. Pictures and an engineer's report for the houses being considered for demolition need to be sent to the Kanawha County Commission to expedite the demolition process.

ORDINANCES

Updated ordinances will be posted on the town web site.

PETITIONS

Tresa Howell addressed the council to announce that she is running for the House of Delegates. She explained her positions to the council and requested consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Eddie Hamilton made a motion to convene an Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session convened at 8:28 p.m.


Dee Leadmon made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Following the Executive Session, John Alderson made a motion to allow Eddie Hamilton and his wife to clean the town building while Eddie's granddaughter takes some time off. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Dee Leadmon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin

Recorder Jay Ward