

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2023

Mayor Fannin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those present included: Mayor Fannin, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, Recorder Jay Ward, Marty Blankenship and John Alderson. Susan Ward 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 meeting were presented for approval. John Alderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$214,798.25
ARPA - \$79,228.51
Sewer Fund - \$129,736.27
Sewer Reserve Account - \$25,000.00
Police Fee Fund - \$26,576.11
Coal Severance Fund - \$3,512.18
Infrastructure Fund - \$50,810.49

The council reviewed the check register.

After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion to add Town Clerk Natalie Smith and Chief of Police Darrick Cox as P Card holders. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 3 medical calls, 1 box alarm and 1 gas leak. The fire department will be meeting with New River Engineers and the architect to go over preliminary designs for the new building. Some trees in town need to be pruned to prevent damage to the antennas on the fire trucks and rescue vehicles. The fire department will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 16th at 8:00 a.m. at the fire station. The fire department will be having their annual Christmas dinner at the Glasgow Methodist Church annex building on December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Police Department - Chief Cox discussed the new officer, Pat McKinney with the council. He's worked a few shifts over the past three weeks, fulfilling his patrol duties and writing citations when needed. Chief Cox also reported that a few arrests have been made in town for warrants and various offenses. Chief Cox reported to the council that it's favorable that the Town of Glasgow will receive a 50/50 public safety grant to purchase a new police vehicle. The council discussed various options for coming up with the matching funds.

Street Department - John Qualls was unable to attend the meeting. Jay Ward presented the Street Department report from John's notes. Carr's Driveway declined the bid for the sidewalk repairs needed at Town Hall. No applications for the position of Sewer Plant Operator have been received. John suggested looking for an Operator in Training so that the street department crew can get back to their regular duties. John would like to hire a part time person for the street department. The digester at the Wastewater Treatment Plant will get new rails and an aerator motor and the pump will be removed and repaired.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras - After discussion, Marty Blankenship made a motion for a security camera to be installed on the Town Building on Route 60. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New River/Sewer Update - Nothing new to report.

Town Hall/Sidewalk Update - See Street Department report.

Smoke Test Update - Letters will be sent to residents who failed the smoke test conducted by New River Engineers.

Christmas Party Update - The Christmas party is still scheduled for Saturday, December 16th following the Christmas parade. The fire department will donate hot chocolate for the party.

Sewer Plant Operator Update - See Street Department report.

Demolition of Properties Update - Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

SOP for Ordinance Enforcement - Tabled for a future meeting.

Letters to Owners of Junk Cars - Chief Cox will draft a template letter to send to owners of junk cars that need to be removed from the property. Chief Cox and Marty Blankenship will speak with the Mayor of Montgomery about the process that the city has developed to deal with this issue.

Audit Scoring of CPA's - The council scored a response from CPA Dave Howell to perform the town audit for the next two fiscal years. The council decided to accept Mr. Howell's bid to perform the audits.

ORDINANCES - Nothing new to report.

PETITIONS - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jay Ward made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session started at 8:45 p.m.

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

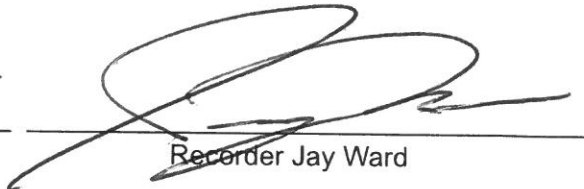
No vote was needed following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Marty Blankenship made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward