

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2024

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

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those present included: Mayor Fannin, Recorder Jay Ward, Marty Blankenship, John Alderson, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton and Susan Ward. Town Attorney Ray Keener was also present.

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

Minutes for previous meetings were presented for approval. Marty Blankenship made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting minutes for March 14th. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Susan Ward made a motion to approve the Budget Meeting minutes for March 21st. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. John Alderson made a motion to approve the council meeting minutes for March 18th. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - The council reviewed the bank register.

Mayor Fannin reported the following balances:

General Fund - \$178,945.12
ARPA - \$63,478.51
Sewer Fund - \$134,648.40
Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,488.00
Police Fee Fund - \$11,003.29
Infrastructure Fee Fund - \$66,753.02
Coal Severance Fund - \$4,202.62
Opioid Settlement Account - \$1,125.27

Fire Department - Chief Blankenship reported 3 calls so far for the month of April. The pickup truck is being worked on. A swiftwater training with the National Guard is coming up in June.

Police Department - Chief Cox reported that the former Save-a-Lot building was gutted of copper plumbing and wiring. He is working with Chief Jack Ice on the case. Two arrests have been made and there are 3 outstanding warrants. Chief Cox noted that there has been an

increase in four-wheeler traffic. Four wheeler permits will be enforced. Estimates for striping and equipping the new police cruiser are as follows: striping - \$1,100 and equipment - \$13,260. Chief Cox is applying for grants to cover the striping and equipment. Delegate Larry Rowe may also be a resource for grant funding. John Alderson made a motion to move money within the budget from Central Garage to General Fund in order to pay for the police cruiser. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. The following council members voted in favor of the motion: Jay Ward, Marty Blankenship, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton and Susan Ward. Motion carried.

Street Department - Director of Public Works John Qualls reported that the sewer plant sample came back with good results. The chlorine and fecal levels are within range. The DEP inspection was canceled due to the storm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - John Alderson made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras/Letter to PK - After discussion, the council determined that Chief Cox will call a representative at the Kanawha County Commission to determine next steps.

Lien Update - Mike Szerokman reported that he is getting ready to file two more liens.

Town Hall Sidewalk Update - Still waiting for Giannini Construction to schedule the project.

Whiteboard Topics Update - Nothing new to report.

Clean Up Letters (Grass and Junk on Porches) - After discussion, the council agreed that residents that are cited and do not comply with the ordinances will have to go through Municipal Court.

Mini Grant #2 Update - The new benches are in and will be installed next week. The deadline for project completion is April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Yard Sale - The date for the next town yard sale was set for Saturday, June 8th.

Town Clean Up/County Clean Up - The town clean up day will coordinate with the county clean up day on April 20th. The town will pick up and haul away junk for free. No appliances, tires, paint, oil or batteries will be picked up. Mayor Fannin will post the information on Facebook.

Proposed Sewer Rates - Region 3 representative Bruce Mullins, sewer project accountant Jack Keller and New River Engineers representative Eric Hartwell attended the meeting to discuss proposed sewer rate increases with the council. Jack Keller discussed the possibility of a three step implementation of a going-level increase. He emphasized the fact that raising the rates could eliminate the need for a loan to pay for the sewer project and would also make the town eligible for grant funding that is not currently available because the rates are too low to qualify. Raising the rates would also keep the current sewer system running.

Junk Cars/Home Rule - Recorder Jay Ward reported to the council that he spoke with the City of Charleston as well as the Town of Montgomery about how they handle junk cars in their communities. Following their procedures would involve fines for property owners who have junk cars that do not comply with town ordinances. Processes and procedures for Glasgow will need to be worked out.

Paving on 2nd Street - After discussing this project, Jay Ward made a motion to approve the payment of approximately \$20,000 from the Infrastructure Fee Fund. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The street department will make sure that 2nd Street is structurally sound before paving.

Projects on Intergovernmental Council List - The council discussed projects that have been placed on the list. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade for \$500,000 was removed. The pool filtration system for \$38,000 was removed. The Municipal Storm Sewers Upgrade will remain on the list at a cost of \$500,000.

ORDINANCES - Nothing new to report.

PETITIONS

Richard Lindsay, candidate for the 8th Division Kanawha County Circuit Court attended the meeting to introduce himself to the council and attending citizens. His platform is based on his experiences with the foster care system and abuse/neglect cases.

The council received a letter requesting money for the upkeep of the Woodland Cemetery in Cedar Grove. Marty Blankenship made a motion to give \$200 for the Woodland Cemetery. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

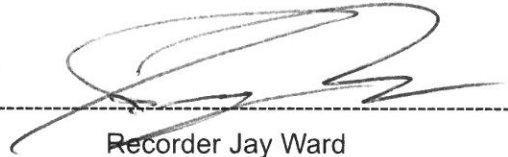
The council received a letter requesting money to support the Kanawha Central Little League for baseball, softball and T-Ball. John Alderson made a motion to give \$200 to support the little league teams. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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Mayor Donald Fannin

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Recorder Jay Ward