

TOWN OF GLASGOW
COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

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

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those in attendance included Mayor Fannin, Recorder Jay Ward, Susan Ward, Eddie Hamilton, Mike Szerokman, John Alderson and Marty Blankenship.

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

Minutes for the September 5th meeting were presented for approval. John Alderson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Szerokman second the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Health and Sanitation - Recorder Jay Ward reported that he will finish and submit the EPA report by the end of the week.

Recreation - Nothing to report.

Streets and Lights - Light out at 308 on 5th Ave. Jay Ward reported that a wall near a town sidewalk on 3rd Ave. was badly cracked. Marty Blankenship suggested that the sidewalk be closed and the property owner be notified to repair the wall. Director of Public Works, John Qualls stated that he would place cones to block the sidewalk. Marty Blankenship inquired about paving the areas in town that have been dug up for repairs. John Qualls stated that the repairs will be made soon.

Buildings - John Qualls stated that they are working on the gas leak at Town Hall. Marty Blankenship stated that he is still waiting for the grant funding for the lighting for the gym and town hall. John Alderson reported that the flooring is almost complete in the lobby at town hall.

Finance - The council reviewed the check register. Recorder Jay Ward reported that the financial statement is complete and the council members had a questionnaire to fill out and return to David Howell for the Audit.

Burning Permits - None.

Housing Board - No meeting this month.

Fire Department - The burn ban is still in effect. The fire department has had 23 calls so far this month. The Fire department was awarded a 3 million dollar regional grant to share with other departments for radios. The fire department will be the host for vendor conferences for the radios. The fire department also purchased a new water truck in Ohio for \$50,000. After selling some unneeded equipment, donations and the revenue for the leasing of the property the cost was reduced to \$1,000. Chief Blankenship also reported that they have 5 new members that have joined and passed their certification. This brings the total members to 25 with 2 more applications submitted this week.

Police Department - No one was present to provide a police report. Officer Mckinney did submit a police activity report for the council's review.

Street Department - Director of Public Works reported the following:

- Operator in Training, Robert Lovejoy leaves for class this Monday and will be there until Friday.
- A pallet of concrete and 6 tons of blacktop is needed for road repairs.
- By September of 2025, the landfill in Charleston will be full. Anything brought to the landfill will be hauled to Hurricane for a fee. The cost will be \$93 per ton and the landfill will also not be accepting sludge. A decision will have to be made about the best financial options. Marty Blankenship suggested forming a committee to create a business plan for the landfill situation.
- The bed of the dump truck is rusting out. It will cost approximately \$30,000 just to replace the bed and \$50,000 - \$60,000 for a new truck. The bed can be temporarily repaired for \$2,800. Mayor Fannin requested more information before making a decision about the dump truck.
- There are concerns about messes left in town after West Virginia American Water made some repairs.

Municipal Court - Some fines were paid at the last court session.

Web Page - Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Replace Lights in the Alleys - Mayor Fannin reported that AEP is no longer changing bulbs over to LED at this time.

Repairs to Route 60/DOH - According to some sources, repair work to Route 60 may not start until spring.

RIC Program to Repave Streets - After discussion, the council agreed that the streets most in need will be paved first. The streets will include 4th Avenue, the 300 block of 5th Avenue and 1st Street.

Vagrant House on 3rd Street and Increase in Activity on upper 5th Ave. - The council and residents in attendance at the meeting discussed concerns about community safety and ways that it could be documented and addressed.

Town Camera System - Recorder Jay Ward has been working with Thomas Baker to get a camera system installed in the community. Jay Ward asked the council to consider applying for a grant like the one Mr. Baker applied for on behalf of the Town of Montgomery to get cameras installed. Jay Ward made a motion to get grant information for Glasgow. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Increased Amount of Homeless - The council discussed public safety concerns.

Additional Day for Council Meeting - Marty Blankenship reported to the council that he is willing to make himself available on one Wednesday per month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to discuss concerns with residents that are unable to attend the regular council meetings. Mike Szerokman made a motion that supports implementing Marty's proposal on a two month trial basis. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposing vote from Jay Ward.

Halloween Party - The town Halloween party will take place at Town Hall on Thursday, October 31st following trick-or-treating.

Town Christmas Party - The town Christmas party will take place at Town Hall on Friday, December 13th after the Christmas Parade. The Christmas parade will be from 6:00 - 7:00.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Marty Blankenship made a motion to pay the bills. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

P CARD STATEMENT

Mayor Fannin has reviewed and will pay the balance for the P Card.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS

One request for an adjustment due to a pool fill up was submitted. John Alderson made a motion to gather more information before approving the request. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Security Cameras - Still working on passwords for the system.

Lien Update - Mike Szerokman reported 4 new garnishments in progress.

Whiteboard Topics Update - Nothing new to report.

Junk Cars/Grass Letters Update - The proposed letter is being revised.

Sewer Main Easement/Attorney - Obtaining an attorney for easements is still a work in progress.

Zoning Board Member - A new member has been appointed to the Zoning Board.

Fall Clean Up - The community clean up is still scheduled for October 5th to coincide with the county clean up.

Glasgow Avenue Storm Drain Update - The engineer on the project has not submitted an update.

Magistrate Judgement Issues - Some liens have been filed after magistrate judgements were issued.

Thank You Letter to AEP - Susan Ward will compose a thank you letter to AEP on behalf of the council to express appreciation for the clean up job near the fenceline of the AEP property.

ORDINANCES - Nothing new to report.

PETITIONS

Amanda Pell reported trash in the alley behind her house that is coming from the residents that live next door to her. She has cleaned it up several times and would like to request that the property owner take responsibility.

Susan LaForce commended the fire department for their assistance when alarms in her house were going off.

Rodney Hayes attended the meeting to gather information about the DOH's plan to address the issue of the walls on residents' property along Route 60 that are beginning to tilt.

Lynn Basford requested that the trees on the town property along the riverbank near her house be trimmed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jay Ward made a motion to convene an executive session. Susan Ward seconded the session. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:25 p.m.

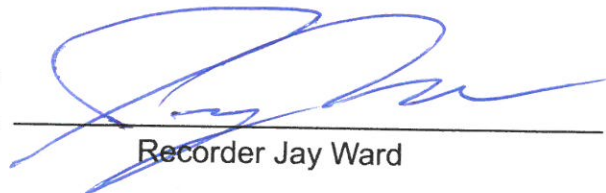
Jay Ward made a motion to adjourn the executive session. John Alderson seconded the motion. The executive session adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Mike Szerokman seconded the motion. The council meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.



Mayor Donald Fannin



Recorder Jay Ward