

**TOWN OF GLASGOW**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2026**

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

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

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. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Health and Sanitation** - Director of Public Works Dustin Whaples reported that the sewer plant is running well. Some valves may need to be replaced. Marty Blankenship suggested pricing comparisons when shopping for supplies.

**Recreation** - Lieutenant McKinney reported that 45 people attended that last community dance at Town Hall. Another one is planned for February 21st. He also expressed appreciation for the town's donation to support the dance.

**Streets and Lights** - Eddie Hamilton presented a list of lights that need to be replaced.

**Building** - Lieutenant McKinney requested an update of the sign in the hallway of Town Hall that lists the mayor and council members. Marty Blankenship addressed the heating costs for the Senior Building. There are gaps in one wall of a closet that may be causing the furnace to run more frequently. Backup lighting for power outages is needed at the sewer plant. The generator at the sewer plant needs to be checked. It should automatically kick on when the power goes out.

**Finance** - Town Clerk Natalie will send account balances to council members. (See attached copy of account balances.) The council reviewed the bank statement.

**Burning Permits** - One burning permit was approved.

**Housing Board** - There were not enough members for a quorum, so the meeting was cancelled.

**Safety** - Nothing to report. Marty Blankenship suggested seasonal "Toolbox Talks" for the street department workers to review safety procedures.

**Fire Department** - Chief Blankenship reported 14 calls so far this month. He attended the first meeting for the Safer Grant. Twelve fire departments will share 1.5 million dollars to be used for recruitment and retention. At this time, the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department has 20 members and one junior firefighter. The department is working on boosting numbers. Some training sessions are coming up, both in-house and traveling. An amendment to the radio grant will be submitted to purchase radios for the police department.

**Police Department** - Lieutenant McKinney reviewed the Police Activity Report with the council. Officer Perrine is off on medical leave for a few months. Lieutenant McKinney commended Officer Bowles for the work he is doing.

**Street Department** - Director of Public Works Dustin Whaples reported that the sidewalk on 5th Avenue has been repaired and replaced. The trash truck needs repairs immediately. Eddie Hamilton will check with Kent Stanley about the repair. A list of tools that the street department needs will be submitted. The possibility of purchasing a shed for the street department was discussed.

**Municipal Court** - Municipal Court took place on January 20th.

**Web Page** - Nothing new to report regarding web page updates.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Sewer Project Update** - Eric Hartwell with New River Engineers attended the meeting to provide right-of-way maps for Town Attorney Ray Keener's approval. Comments from the DEP have been addressed and no response has been received at this point.

**5th Avenue Sidewalk Curb Repairs** - See Street Department report.

**Comprehensive Plan Update** - Mike Szerokman and Jay Ward will meet with Jeffery Mace to discuss the comprehensive plan. A public hearing about the plan has been scheduled for January 29th at the Senior Building at 7:00. Jeffery Mace will be in charge of the meeting.

**Formation of Appeals Committee** - Mike Szerokman reported that Terry Patrick, Cheryl Chandler and Dylan Hackworth have agreed to be candidates for the Appeals Committee. Candidates will be formally approved at the next council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Holiday Hours Confirmation** - Jay Ward consulted the Municipal League regarding work schedules for holidays. After discussion, the council decided to continue to follow the current guidelines which are in the employee handbook regarding paid holidays.

**AEP Development Site (data center)** - AEP representatives will be invited to attend a future council meeting to discuss the development of the AEP site.

**4th Quarter EPA** - Jay Ward reported that the 4th Quarter Report for the sewer plant has been submitted to the EPA.

**Electrical Bids for Park Repairs** - Recorder Jay Ward opened two sealed bids for the electrical repair work at the park. Flash Electrical submitted a bid for \$2,400. Danhill Construction submitted a bid for \$44,000. Due to the large discrepancy in the bid amounts, Marty Blankenship made a motion to repost the bids. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Municipal Budget Review** - Recorder Jay Ward and Town Clerk Natalie Smith reviewed the department budgets. Jay Ward will talk with department heads at the next council meeting about the budgets.

**Conceptual Plan for Pool/Park** - The council gave approval for the generation of a conceptual plan for the pool site as well as the park.

**More Police Coverage/Speeding** - After a discussion with the council, Lieutenant McKinney agreed to increase speeding coverage in town.

**Trash Pick Up** - Jay Ward reviewed the ordinance related to bulk waste. The council clarified that regular household trash pick up occurs each Thursday and Friday, green waste pick up occurs on Wednesdays. Residents need to call Town Hall to generate a work order when bulk pick ups are needed.

**Jeffery Mace/RIC** - The council discussed different options for projects with the assistance of Jeffery Mace/RIC. The council voted to do planning projects for paving.

## **PETITIONS**

Benson Johnson, a resident of London, addressed the council about the garbage, dilapidated properties and campers along Route 60. He has reached out to different organizations and has

not been able to get assistance with the issue. He asked for the council's assistance. The council recommended contacting Larry Rowe with the Midland Trail Association or someone in charge of the National Scenic Byway.

Region 3 representative Bruce Mullins attended the meeting to give an update. He informed Steptoe and Johnson that they were chosen for the Bond Council. Steptoe and Johnson sent a letter of acceptance to be signed by the mayor. Marty Blankenship made a motion for Recorder Jay Ward to sign the acceptance letter as the acting mayor for the meeting. John Alderson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bruce Mullins also informed Jackson and Kelly that their bid was declined.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**


Marty Blankenship made a motion to convene an executive session. Eddie Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session convened at 9:34 p.m.

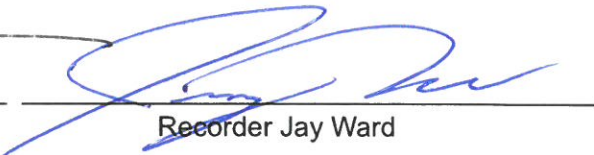
John Alderson made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Susan Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. The executive session adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

No vote was needed following the executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jay Ward made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Marty Blankenship seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

  
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Mayor Donald Fannin

  
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Recorder Jay Ward

**Account Balances as of January 20, 2026**

General Fund - \$127,633.10

Glasgow Sewer Fund - \$160,803.09

Sewer Reserve Account - \$26,238.00

Glasgow Police Fund - \$1,212.70

Infrastructure Fund - \$108,817.79

Coal Severance Fund - \$7,001.19

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