

The regular meeting of the Glendive City Council was held Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Mayor Jerry Jimison called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Avis Anderson, Doug Baker, Leon Baker, Rhett Coon, Mike Dryden, Betsey Hedrick, Clyde Mitchell and Gerald Reichert. Frank Ceane and Mary Jo Gehmert were the department heads present. Department heads absent from the meeting included: John Hickman, Kevin Dorwart Jacque Silbernagel, and Todd Opp. Hunter Herbaugh and Joanne Hynes were also present.

Mayor Jimison opened the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

L. Baker moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular Council meeting; second by Mitchell and the motion carried with Reichert abstaining from the vote.

### **Committee Minutes**

#### **Street Committee Report– 3/10/21 4 - 4:15 p.m.**

Frank Ceane, Hunter Herbaugh, Major Jimison, Rhett Coon, Avis Anderson, Gerry Reichert, Mike Dryden; visitors: Michael and Joanne Hynes

1. California Street water drainage

Frank Ceane: Nothing to report at this time.

2. Purchase of Land for Walking/Biking Path

Report from Mayor: with Kevin Dorwart: survey issues: Interstate Engineering and AE2S are the two engineering firms bidding on the survey. The surveyor from AE2S is researching to find out whether BNSF has a clear deed of title. The question is where did BNSF get the land? Once this is determined Mayor Jimison and Kevin will determine which firm to hire for the work. This has already been approved by the council.

3. BNSF Walking underpass maintenance. Mayor Jimison reported there is no information yet from BNSF on the underpass. He has tried to be aware of the use of the underpass. During the day he estimates 30-40 people use the underpass. He said he was hesitant to ask BNSF to close the facility. If BNSF would accept it, the Mayor believes there are volunteer groups to work on clean up and repair. If BNSF has not responded in a week or two the Mayor will contact them again.

4. Councilman Rhett Coon brought the committee's attention to a long-standing parking issue for emergency vehicles. When the EPEC is being used for large shows like gun shows or craft fairs people block access for emergency vehicles. Traffic cones are moved and people continue to block the emergency vehicles from entering or leaving the parking lot at City Hall. He asked about the possibility of painting the curb on Power Street red saving it for emergency incidents only. Also under consideration were signs with large warnings to individuals. Frank said that was possible. The UCC Church will need to be contacted on the parking issue on Power Street as it is across from their building. Coon will write up a proposal for the next Street Committee meeting.

Submitted: Avis Anderson

#### **F/U/P/R Committee Report– 3/10/21**

## FUPR COMMITTEE 3/10/2021

### ATTENDANCE

**Mayor** Jimison

**Council Persons** :A. Anderson, R. Coon, M. Dryden, G. Reichert

**Dept. Heads: Public Works** Frank Ceane, **Ambulance** Mary Jo Gehmert

**Media: Ranger-Review**, Hunter Herbaugh

**Guests:** Joanne and Michael Hynnes, Wet Devils Swim Team

**Duration:** 4:15-5:15

### AGENDA

1. **WTP Update:** Public Works Director Ceane stated that the updated WTP “should be completely operational by April 1.” There is still some “fine tuning” to achieve the right chemical balance on a day-to-day basis. The operators are becoming adjusted to the new system.
  - a. **FYI**
2. **Ambulance Grant Application:** Ambulance Director Gehmert requested permission to apply for a \$5000.00 Town Pump Foundation Grant to purchase safety equipment for EMT personnel. The grant, if received, would buy highway vests/jackets for EMT workers that would meet current national standards.
  - a. **ACTION: FUPR recommends Council approval of request to apply for Town Pump Foundation Grant.**
3. **Wet Devils Requests for Lloyd Square Park:** Joanne and Michael Hynes, representing the Glendive Wet Devils Swim Program, requested permission to add more bleachers at Lloyd Square Park. The Wet Devils would purchase and transport the bleachers to their current location at Lloyd Square Park. The Hynes also requested permission to pour concrete pads in the area where the bleachers will be placed and in an area near the “Snack Shop” or concession stand. The Wet Devils will be responsible for the concrete work with some help from Fisher Industries.
  - a. **ACTION: FUPR recommends the Council grant permission for the Wet Devil Swim Team to add bleachers and concrete pads at the City Pool at Lloyd Square Park.**
4. **Request for bids on used Vac Truck:** PW Director Ceane requested permission to seek bids for a used Vac Truck. Mr.Ceane explained how the City would benefit by owning its own Vac Truck.
  - a. **ACTION: FUPR recommends Council approval of PW’s request to seek bids on a used Vac truck.**
5. **Request for bids on a Loader for the Landfill:** PW Director Ceane requested permission to seek bids for a newer and larger Loader for the Landfill. With a larger Loader the process of covering garbage will be much more efficient for the staff and the equipment.
  - a. **ACTION: FUPR recommends Council approval of PW request to seek bids for a new Loader for the Landfill.**
6. **Billboards on City Property:** GF legal firm, on behalf of the City, will inform Mr.Marx that the City will end the lease that allows Mr.Marx to advertise on City property.
7. **Public Comment: None received**
8. **Meeting Adjourned: 5:15**
9. **Respectfully submitted Council member Dryden Ward III**

Included in the packet was a landfill report from Barry Damschen Consulting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Jimison asked twice there was no public comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Permission to apply for Ambulance Grant from Town Pump.** D. Baker moved to approve permission to apply for Ambulance Grant from Town Pump; second by Coon and the motion carried. Mary Jo Gehmert said the grant will be used to purchase safety vests and coats with high visibility for highway incidents.

**Permission to add bleachers in Lloyd Square Park-Wet Devils Swim Team.** Dryden moved to approve permission to add bleachers in Lloyd Square Park-Wet Devils Swim Team; second by Hedrick and the motion carried. Joanne Hynes explained that the swim team has shared bleachers with baseball in the past. With both programs growing and hosting more events it will be easier to have their own bleachers. She explained where the cement pads would be poured and added that help from the Masons and Fisher Sand and Gravel made this possible.

**Permission to go out for bids for the public works vac truck.** Hedrick moved to approve permission to go out for bids for the public works vac truck; second by Coon and the motion carried.

**Permission to go out for bids for a new landfill loader.** D. Baker moved to approve permission to go out for bids for a new landfill loader; second by Coon and the motion carried.

**Accept resignation of Alex Palmer as part paid fireman effective April 1, 2021.** Anderson moved to accept the resignation of Alex Palmer as part paid fireman effective April 1, 2021; second by Hedrick and the motion carried.

**Accounts Payable Claims: \$361,013.73.** Dryden moved to approve the accounts payable for: \$361,013.73; second by Hedrick and the motion passed.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

**Public Works-** Frank Ceane stated Tru Pipe is back in town for the sewer tv rotation throughout the city coming back to each area in a 5-year rotation. The sweeper is broke down but should be back up and running by the end of the week. The new garbage truck is working well and the old garbage truck will be heading to Colorado next week for a new box. The crew has been cleaning up on nice days and trimming trees.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Congratulations-Glendive Fire Department-Todd Opp  
Congratulations-Chamber/Makoshika Wellness- Basketball Tournament  
March 20-Eastern Montana Celtic Celebration-Saturday  
March 20 & 21-Badlands Crowning Stars Dance Competition

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Ordinance Committee- Monday, March 22, 2021, 4:00 pm  
Personnel Committee- Monday, March 22, 2021, 4:15pm

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Department-March

Recreation Department

Reichert made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Mitchell and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2021.

Approved the 6th day of April, 2021.

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Jerry Jimison, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jessica Ayre, Administrative Clerk