January 27, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 27th day of January 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following persons present:

HONORABLE MAYOR: Rhonda Trautman

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Harold Armstrong
                   Dick Doty
                   Brad Groce
                   Stacy Hammer
                   Wendell Honeycutt
                   Jim Marion
                   James Neal
                   Freddie Norris
                   Karalee Oldenkamp
                   Sheila Oliver
                   Joe Trigg
                   Marlin Witcher

There being a quorum present, the Mayor declared the meeting open for business.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Groce opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 1-13-14

MOTION was made by Council Member Witcher for the approval and adoption of the 1-13-14 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Groce
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 609

MUNICIPAL ORDER REAPPOINTING HOLLY ALEXANDER TO THE PLAZA ADVISORY BOARD FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2015.

A proposed municipal order was presented and caused to be read.

MOTION was made by Council Member Armstrong for the approval and adoption of the municipal order
SECOND was by Council Member Neal
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 610

MUNICIPAL ORDER REAPPOINTING DR. KYLAND KISER TO THE AMBULANCE BOARD FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2015.

A proposed municipal order was presented and caused to be read.
Departmental presentations to continue with updates from supervisors of the Public Safety Departments:

• Police Chief Guy Turcotte presented the annual update for the Glasgow Police Department. He said the call volume for 2013 was up 12% from last year, provided a list of the many different types of calls the department deals with on a daily basis and explained the benefits of having a drug dog. The Chief said his department is involved in many programs throughout the city and he read a list of all the grants that his department has received.

Chief Turcotte said he was very proud of everyone in his department for the excellent job that they do. He said in 2013 they obtained their five year law enforcement accreditation. He showed pictures of the new police department eight months ago before they moved in to the building and pictures of what it looks like now. The Chief gave a special thanks to the Mayor and City Council for making this happen and said the new facility has provided a much better work space, much needed additional space and will help the department better serve the community’s needs in the years to come. He also thanked the Public Works Department for helping with minor renovations and putting in the accessibility ramp which saved money.

• Fire Chief Tony Atwood began his presentation by saying how much the Glasgow Fire Department appreciated the Mayor and the Council. Handouts of the 2013 year in review and unit activities were distributed listing the number and types of calls responded to by the fire department. The Chief said the National average of fires to overall runs is 4%, we are at 12.8% and the National average for EMS calls to overall runs is 68% with his department being at 28%.

Chief Atwood said one of the biggest accomplishments of last year was the update of the old police department headquarters. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing his department to expand into the space vacated by the move of the police department. He said he hopes the Mayor, Council and Community are proud with the outcome. He invited the public to come walk through the new facility. Chief Atwood said almost all the work was done by the personnel and he thanked each one that helped with the project.

The Glasgow Fire Department is a deputized fire department through the State Fire Marshall’s Office in Kentucky. With this recognition they do a lot of inspections. While looking for code violations in businesses, they are also given a chance to educate the people in what to do if they have a fire and also in fire prevention.

In closing, Chief Atwood thanked each firefighter and Polly for their dedication to make sure the job is not only done but is done right. He thanked the dispatchers and other entities they work with, in the city and county.

• Beverly Harbison, Supervisor of the Barren-Metcalfe Emergency Communications Center began her presentation by complimenting her 15 full time and 2 part-time dispatchers by saying how they are very dedicated they are to their job. Beverly distributed handouts showing 43,931 calls for service came through the 911 Communications Center in 2013. The total call volume list including the number of 911 calls from landlines, 911 wireless calls and administrative calls totaling 50,620. Beverly praised the Glasgow Fire Department for a job well done this year. She asked Chief Atwood to join her in presenting a slideshow of the old Police Department building before and after it was converted into the new Fire Department and 911 Communications Center.

Announcements:

The Glasgow-Barren Co. Chamber of Commerce 92nd Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be Monday, February 4, 2014 at the Cave City Convention Center. Reception will be 5:30 – 6:15 with dinner starting at 6:15 pm. Council Members may pick up their tickets at the Chamber office.
Kentucky League of Cities annual City Day/City Night will be held in Frankfort on February 12th. For those planning on attending, you will need to register at klc.org or phone 1-800-876-4552 before February 5th. This event gives city officials an opportunity to come together in support of the issues that matter most to city government.

Plaza Events:

2/1/14 – in concert, Travis Tritt, An Acoustic Evening

2/7/14 – the Popcorn and Movie Series will be showing The Little Princess. Admission is $2.00 and popcorn $1.00

Prior to adjournment, Council Member Armstrong addressed the misconception that some of the public and some of the newer Council Members have about the police department. He explained how many years a new police department has been in the planning stages and it was not something that just happened overnight.

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Armstrong made motion for adjournment at 7:52 p.m., Council Member Groce seconded. Motion carried.

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RHONDA RIHERD TRAUTMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TOMMIE S. BIRGE, CITY CLERK