The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday the 24th day, of August 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following persons present:

HONORABLE MAYOR: Dick Doty
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Ben Bucher
Jake Dickinson
Brad Groce
Stacy Hammer - absent
Wendell Honeycutt
Chasity Lowery
James Neal
Freddie Norris
Karalee Oldenkamp
Gary Oliver
Joe Trigg
Marlin Witcher

At the end of the roll call, Tommie Birge, City Clerk stated Mrs. Hammer had requested to relay to the Mayor and Council she is absent due to a school conference she had to attend out of town. She asked the City Clerk to express her sincere regrets she could not be present for what she considered a very important meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Lowery opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 8-10-15

MOTION was made by Council Member Groce for the approval and adoption of the 8-10-15 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Witcher
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

Sheri Lee, PHM Executive Operations Officer of the Housing Authority presented a report on the Housing Authority of Glasgow. She shared why programs like public housing and the housing choice voucher program are important to communities like ours. She explained a safe and decent place to live is essential for a family to maintain a stable job, education and proper health. A good housing environment is especially important for families with children whose experiences can either limit or can increase their opportunities for their future. Studies show that housing costs are the most expensive part of a family’s budget. Many families suffer from housing issues like homelessness, living in poor quality housing and living in an unstable
This is where housing assistance programs, like what the Housing Authority of Glasgow offers, come into play in local communities. The role of the Housing Authority is to make quality housing affordable to lower income families. Over 8 million families or 18 million individuals live in assisted housing programs across the country.

Mrs. Lee shared the following national statistics that are contrary to the stereotypes placed on public housing and the voucher program:

1) 42% of the individuals receiving housing assistance are children under the age of 18
2) 50% of all households are elderly or disabled and may be unable to work – here locally, we have close to 66% in this category
3) 62% of the non-elderly and non-disabled families were in the labor market and earned income
4) 90% of the households with children are headed by single females who could have difficulty juggling work and child care

Mrs. Lee said the Glasgow Housing Authority offers many programs that aid a family in setting and achieving goals. This is why the Housing Authority constructed and opened a new facility, the HERO CENTER. HERO, stands for Housing Authority Empowering Residents with Opportunities. They offer a Family Self Sufficiency Program where they work with families over a five year period and assist the family in reaching their self-established goals. The HERO Center is also used to provide programs for senior citizens and disabled population. They house the commodity program in the HERO Center and last month they assisted over 620 families with food.

The Housing Authority is a stable local employer that was established in 1958. Their next major project will be to give a “face lift” to the exteriors of our oldest units. These units were constructed in the 1960’s and they are wanting to invest in their curb appeal for our local community. They are also looking at managing a privately owned 27 unit complex to provide additional affordable housing opportunities for families living on a fixed income. There is currently a waiting lists of over 120 families.

Mrs. Lee said in 2014, the Housing Authority of Glasgow financially contributed to the local economy by their PILOT payments or (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) to the City of Glasgow $44,000, to the City of Cave City $10,710 and occupational taxes to Glasgow $12,400, rental assistance or HAP payments to property owners was $1.14 million. Other Expenses for administration, maintenance, materials, equipment, utilities, insurance, etc. was $2.2 million. She said, “Every $1 spent by the housing authority, $2.12 is returned to the local economy. This would mean a return of close to $4 million”.

Glasgow Housing Authority has been designated by HUD as a “High Performer” both in the public housing assessment system and in the housing choice voucher assessment system. This means Glasgow Housing scored a 90% or better on HUD’s assessment.
Sheri Lee personally thanked the Board of Commissioners – Danny Gibson, Chairman; Randle Norris, Vice Chairman; Geneva Haggard, resident commissioner; and John Rogers. The Board is committed and takes their responsibility of affordable housing for our community very seriously. Mrs. Lee also thanked the Housing Authority residents, many of whom take pride in where they live and call our affordable housing “HOME”. Mrs. Lee believes they have some of the BEST families living in their complexes. Finally she thanked all of their staff members; 23 very dedicated employees with 9 have more than 10 years of service and 5 have more than 20 years of service. These employees believe in and carry out the mission of this agency: “That we exist to provide adequate, affordable housing for eligible families and to promote the social well-being and economic independence of residents in an appropriate environment.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2869
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING I-2 ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR ANNEXED PROPERTY CONTAINING 37.665 ACRES AT THE INTERSECTION OF CPW AND BURKESVILLE ROAD/HIGHWAY 90

A proposed ordinance was presented for the second time and caused to be read for the second time.

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris for the second reading approval and adoption of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Neal
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 0 AB - 0

Bucher – yes Honeycutt – yes Oldenkamp – yes
Dickinson – yes Lowery – yes Oliver – yes
Groce – yes Neal – yes Trigg – yes
Norris – yes Witcher - yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2870
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 150.70, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

A proposed ordinance was presented for the second time and caused to be read for the second time.

MOTION was made by Council Member Groce for the second reading approval and adoption of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Bucher
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 0 AB - 0

Bucher – yes Honeycutt – yes Oldenkamp – yes
A proposed ordinance was presented for the second time and caused to be read for the second time.

MOTION was made by Council Member Oldenkamp for the second reading approval and adoption of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Neal
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 0 AB - 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2871
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 151.70, RELATING TO THE CITY’S HOUSING AND UNSAFE BUILDING CODE

ORDINANCE NO. _____
ORDINANCE AMENDING GLASGOW ZONING ORDINANCE, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 910 COLUMBIA AVENUE, CONTAINING 0.85 TOTAL ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM R-2 TO B-2 CLASSIFICATION

A proposed ordinance was presented for the first time and caused to be read for the first time.

MOTION was made by Council Member Neal for the first reading approval of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Groce
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 677
MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING GUY HOWIE AS THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Honeycutt for the approval and adoption of the municipal order
SECOND was by Council Member Norris
VOTE Yes – 9 No – 1 AB – 1
Council Member Neal voted no to the municipal order and Council Member Lowery abstained from the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- THE CITY WILL BE HOLDING A SURPLUS LAND AUCTION FOR 33.810 ACRES OFF HUME WAY AND ADJACENT TO TARTAN GLEN SUBDIVISION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT 1 P.M.

- THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO ON AUGUST 25TH FROM 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. AT RALPHIES FUN CENTER

- THE 15TH ANNUAL GLOBAL FEST IN THE BARRENS WILL BE HELD ON THE SQUARE SEPTEMBER 5TH FROM 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. GLOBAL FEST PROMOTES AND ENCOURAGES INTERACTION AMONG DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS AND IS AN EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS

- CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IN CELEBRATION OF LABOR DAY

- THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH AT 7 A.M. AT THE BARREN RIVER STATE RESORT PARK. THE INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED. FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS PLANNING ON ATTENDING, YOU MAY PICK YOUR TICKET UP AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE.

- COUNCIL MEMBER LOWERY ANNOUNCED THE UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MARY WOOD WELDON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Oldenkamp made motion for adjournment at 7:46 p.m., Council Member Norris seconded. Motion carried.

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TOMMIE S. BIRGE, CITY CLERK