April 25, 2016

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 25th day of April, 2016 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

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 4-11-16

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris for the approval and adoption of the 4-11-16 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Witcher
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

ERNEST SIMMONS ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL

Ernest Simmons, representing a group called Senior Citizens Against Rising Expenses, addressed the Council pertaining to their concerns with the Glasgow Electric Plant Board’s rate structure which began January 1, 2016. Several citizens in the group spoke up stating most of them were already on a fixed income and they feel they are being over-burdened by the new rate structure.

Billy Ray, Superintendent of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board, responded to questions and comments from the audience. He said his staff researched the utility’s structure and found that about half of EPB’s customers were paying too much each month and half were paying less than they should be paying for their electricity. The EPB maintains that customers can avoid
increases by adjusting their usage during coincident demand peaks. He said the EBP Board of Directors feel the new rate structure is fair to all customers.

Dan Pratt, Vice President of Rates and Contracts for TVA, read a prepared statement supporting EBP’s new rate structure. He remarked the utilities around the country are moving in the direction of updated methods of calculating customer charges.

Mayor Doty recommended a series of classes could be offered by the EPB to educate customers on how to reduce their electric usage. Council Member Norris suggested that EPB go to the homes of customers with concerns to show them better ways to control their utility bills. Norris asked Council Member Oldenkamp, the City’s representative on the EPB board to collect the names of customers who need help in lowering their utility costs so EPB staff can visit them.

After a lengthy discussion, the group of concerned citizens left the meeting. They commented they hoped the Council would intervene in the matter.

ELLIE HARBAUGH ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL

Ellie Harbaugh, Senior Director of Resource Development for United Way of Southern Kentucky addresses the Council. Ms. Harbaugh told the Council that United Way of Southern Kentucky plans to launch a centralized contact center in July for individuals in need of nonemergency health and human services assistance. 2-1-1 is a resource for help and hope, a place to call for help when you don’t know where to go for help. The call will be answered by a compassionate trained professional who will be able to connect you to many services such as food and shelter, utility assistance, mental health, substance abuse services, aging, employment concerns, housing, transportation and health care to name a few.

Debbie Hill, Chief Operating Officer and Interim President and CEO for the agency said the call center would be based in the United Way offices in Bowling Green but would serve the entire 10 county service area. She said the United Way of Southern Kentucky Board of Directors was ultimately made to become the fourth location in Kentucky to launch a 2-1-1 phone system.

Hill asked the Council to consider donating $15,000 a year to help support this project.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2881

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING JOE MONTGOMERY COURT AS A CITY STREET

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2320

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF GLASGOW TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) FOR REPLACEMENT VESTS FOR THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read.

MOTION was made by Council Member Oldenkamp for the approval and adoption of the resolution
SECOND was by Council Member Groce
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

April Russell, Grant Writer for the City, explained this grant would be to replace ten (10) vest which have expired. This grant has a 50/50 match with the City’s matching amount of $3,375.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2321

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF GLASGOW TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT, ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965 FOR THE GLASGOW RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read.

MOTION was made by Council Member Groce for the approval and adoption of the resolution
SECOND was by Council Member Neal
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present
April Russell said if received this grant would be specifically for basketball goals, resurfacing basketball courts and installation of a wheelchair swing to provide for the health and well-being of the general public.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2322

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AS “SURPLUS” PURSUANT TO KRS 82.083 AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO KRS 45A.365

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read.

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris for the approval and adoption of the resolution
SECOND was by Council Member Oldenkamp
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

Police Chief Guy Howie said the department has six (6) police cruisers they can no longer use and they have sufficient equipment available to meet the needs of the Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A RETIREMENT RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT THE GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH FROM 2:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. FOR LIEUTENANT DANIEL SEXTON AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POLLY SPILLMAN.

THE GLASGOW PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016 DAY CAMP WHICH WILL BEGIN IN JUNE. THERE WILL BE GAMES, MOVIES, SWIMMING, FIELD TRIPS AND MUCH MORE. THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS TO BEGIN ON JUNE 6TH. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 270-651-3811 OR 270-651-9012

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Dickinson made a motion for adjournment at 8:30 p.m., Council Member Groce seconded. Motion carried.

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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TOMMIE S. BIRGE, CITY CLERK