May 23, 2016

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 23rd day of May, 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
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 Dickinson opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 5-9-16

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson for the approval and adoption of the 5-9-16 Council Meeting minutes as amended
SECOND was by Council Member Groce
VOTE Yes – 12 No – 0 AB-0

Prior to the vote, Council Member Honeycutt asked for a correction to be made to the minutes by changing the wording on the stormwater ordinance vote to unanimous approval of the Council as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2882

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2085, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT APPLICABLE TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND CITY AGENCIES.
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 Lowery

VOTE Yes – 12 No – 0 AB-0

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ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2883

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2809, THE CITY’S STORMWATER ORDINANCE, TO EXTEND THE SUNSET PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE, SUBPARAGRAPH (O) OF SAID ORDINANCE

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 Witcher

VOTE Yes – 6 No – 6 AB – 0

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There being a tie, Mayor Doty voted in favor of the stormwater fee extension causing the motion to pass.

Prior to the vote, Council Member Groce reiterated the state did not mandate the stormwater fee. He read verbatim from the permit, “Funding shall be established and maintained to insure the accomplishment of the activities required by this permit”. Groce went on to say it is not about the projects we have done but about the water quality, what we discharge. The projects we have done are a byproduct of the money coming in to do the projects. Council Member Trigg passed
out an information fact sheet. He said in 2010 the City of Glasgow had violations in every category in the stormwater permit. Trigg said that’s when the previous council decided to move forward with the project he said. He had a comparison of what other city’s stormwater fees were with only two cities, Glasgow and Danville having a stormwater fee. The rest of the cities in the surrounding areas added the stormwater fee to their water bills. Trigg said the basic services that the city of Glasgow offer, water and sewer, electricity, internet, garbage and others are some of the best and cheapest in the state and the country. There are many infrastructure items that have been ignored in the past and stormwater has been ignored since 1999. These now have to be addressed. Glasgow and Barren County are still one of the top places in this country but to stay that way, there will be cost and this will be one of those costs. Council Member Bucher showed concerns about where the money came from for the stormwater advertisement on television. April Russell, Stormwater Manager, said one of our minimum control measures is public education and involvement. One of the ways we do that is by advertising on television she said. We have to report annually how we reached out to the public. Once again, Mrs. Russell reminded them this is about water quality and not the projects. That’s what the Federal EPA cares about. The projects are a plus for the citizens where they get something for their money. If the fee doesn’t fund the project, the general fund can’t. It will have to be something we save up for. Council Member Hammer questioned Mrs. Russell about the amount of the fee charged for small businesses.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2884
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FLAT LANDFILL OPERATIONS FEE FOR CITY CUSTOMERS SERVICED BY THE CITY’S GARBAGE PICK UP SYSTEM AND FOR PRIVATE HAULERS BRINGING GARBAGE TO THE CITY’S LANDFILL

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Witcher for the second reading approval and adoption of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Groce
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 1 AB-0

Bucher – yes Neal – yes
Dickinson – yes Norris – yes
Groce – yes Oldenkamp – yes
Hammer – yes Oliver – no
Honeycutt – yes Trigg – yes
Lowery – yes Witcher – yes
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2885

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2866, THE CITY OF GLASGOW ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7-1-15 THROUGH 6-30-16 BY RECEIVING TRANSIENT ROOM TAX AND SALE OF PROPERTY MONIES (TOTAL $119,069.00) INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND APPROPRIATING FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND MONIES FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT, HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT, TOURISM COMMISSION, LITIGATION SETTLEMENT AND BUILDING REPAIR (TOTAL $404,908.58)

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 Oldenkamp

VOTE Yes – 12 | No – 0 | AB-0

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2324

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ADMINISTRATION OF KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROJECTS

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read.

MOTION was made by Council Member Witcher for the approval and adoption of the resolution
SECOND was by Council Member Bucher

VOTE Yes – 12 | No – 0 | AB-0
MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2016-696

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING RICKY HOUCHENS TO THE JOINT CITY-COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JOEL WILSON, SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Neal for the approval and adoption of the municipal order
SECOND was by Council Member Witcher
VOTE Yes – 12 No – 0 AB-0

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2016-696

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING RANDY GIBBONS TO THE TAX APPEALS BOARD EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016. THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 1, 2019

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Groce for the approval and adoption of the municipal order
SECOND was by Council Member Norris
VOTE Yes – 12 No – 0 AB-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Hall will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

News from Glasgow Parks and Recreation:

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for two (2) full-time positions of Recreation Supervisor. Applications may be picked up at city hall and returned to the Mayor’s office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2016. For more information log on to the city’s website, www.cityofglasgow.org

Registration for Day Camp is currently taking place and will until all spots are full. There are six different sessions available that run from Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking team registrations for our adult ASA softball league. We have a Church, Co-Ed and Men’s League. The cost for this league will be determined by the number of teams and games that will be played.
Registration for swim lessons is currently taking place. There are four sessions for swim lessons and five different levels for every swimmer. The cost is $45 per participant.

The Plaza Theatre will be showing a free movie, the Adventures of Milo and Otis, on May 31st at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Renaissance Main Street will hold its 5th Annual Spring Cruise-In around the square June 11th.

The summers first Shindig on the Square will be held Tuesday, May 31st from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. The Shindig offers great food, live music, night farmers markets, shopping around the square, free movies, kid’s activities and more.

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, Council Member Honeycutt made a motion to suspend the rules to consider one item that is not on the agenda. Second was by Council Member Dickinson. Motion carried to suspend the rules for one item.

The item brought before Council, sponsored by Council Members Honeycutt, Dickinson and Oliver was due to concerns these members have for the elderly and disabled citizens in our community. They passed out a resolution to the full Council which was created by themselves.

The resolution was read by City Attorney Rich Alexander as follows:

The members of the Glasgow City Council have listened with great concern and empathy regarding the fears and hardships imposed by the new rate structure of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board. Even though the Glasgow City Council does not set the rates or approve the rates of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board, we wish to take this opportunity to formally request the following of the Board of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board:

1) That as quickly as possible, the Glasgow Electric Plant Board allows the residential customers age 65 and older and the residential customers judged permanently and totally disabled the option to revert to the rate structure that existed in 2015.

2) That the Glasgow Electric Plant Board devise a new optional rate structure for other residential customers who wish to opt out of the current “demand” rate structure.

MOTION was made by Council Member Oliver for the approval and adoption of the resolution
SECOND was by Council Member Honeycutt
VOTE

During a lengthy discussion, Council Member Honeycutt commented that people on fixed incomes or with medical problems cannot always turn off their heat or air conditioning for several hours during the coincident demand peak time, which is the one hour during each month in which demand is highest for electrical usage. Honeycutt further said, “We just would like to
allow these people a way to meet their medical needs and their comfort. We need to take care of our elderly and the disabled. They have contributed to our community for many, many years and now it’s our chance to give back a little bit.” He went on to say, “I don’t mind paying a little bit more if that’s what it takes to help.”

Council Member Oldenkamp, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board, commented on how the board came about this rate structure. She stated EPB has been talking about this for many, many years. Oldenkamp said with this structure, each person pays for what they use. We have the technology to know who uses electricity and when. Council Member Honeycutt said he understands that the Electric Plant Board is the first utility in the nation to try this rate structure based on time of use. Council Member Dickinson said all they are asking is that the board member take another look at this.

Council Member Norris made a motion to amend what was just read by adding paragraph three (3). This would essentially be to include that the Electric Plant Board consider this and only do what they are legally allowed to do under their governance. Second was made by Council Member Oliver. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council Member Dickinson to adopt the motion as amended
Second was by Council Member Oliver
Vote unanimous approval of the Council as amended

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Norris made a motion for adjournment at 7:40 p.m., Council Member Neal seconded. Motion carried.

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:
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TOMMIE S. BIRGE, CITY CLERK