September 12, 2016

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 12th day of September, 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 Hammer opened the meeting with a prayer.

Prior to the Council Meeting, Pursuant to KRS 132.027 as amended by the Kentucky General Assembly Extraordinary Session of 1979, the city of Glasgow held a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed 2016 Tax Rates on Real and Personal Property.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 8-22-16

MOTION  was made by Council Member Dickinson
for the approval and adoption of the 8-22-16 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND  was by Council Member Groce
VOTE    unanimous approval of the Council

Mayor Doty recognized Mike Swift for more than 40 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Glasgow and Barren County. He was presented the “Key to the City” along with other gifts on behalf of the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Doty administered the Oath of Office to George Johnson and Charles Clark, two (2) new police officers at Glasgow Police Department.
ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2016 TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GLASGOW

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

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

Prior to the vote, Council Member Honeycutt offered an amendment to the ordinance. He stated in June 2015, the Mayor signed a document with the TVA waiving the city’s right to property tax from the EPB which is mandated by the Little TVA Act. They are technically in-lieu-of property tax but it is property tax. Honeycutt said that was beyond the scope of what the Mayor should be allowed to do and he requested to declare that agreement null and void. Second was by Council Member Dickinson.

Council Member Oldenkamp said this was something serious enough that she would like more details with accurate information before making a hasty decision on behalf of the citizens of Glasgow. Oldenkamp requested to table the ordinance until the next meeting so Council Members could review what was signed. Council Member Norris seconded the motion to table the ordinance. City Attorney Alexander stated there is no debate on a motion to table. Mayor Doty called for a voice vote. 10 – yes 2 – no AB – 0

Council Member Lowery asked City Attorney Alexander to provide the Council with a copy of the paperwork the Mayor signed for their examination prior to the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY

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

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

Council Member Honeycutt asked if there was any way to have the older ordinances that were never published to be codified and added to the Code of Ordinances book. Mayor Doty advised the City Clerk would check into Honeycutt’s request.
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2331

RESOLUTION PERMITTING REBATE OR RETENTION BY TWB COMPANY, LLC dba TWB COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, LLC OF ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THE ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½%) OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE ON CERTAIN WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY ON THE CONDITION THAT TWB COMPANY, LLC dba TWB COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, LLC MEETS THE CRITERIA OF ITS APPLICATION FOR INCENTIVES UNDER THE KENTUCKY BUSINESS INVESTMENTS ACT

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2332

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY; ALLEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY; CITY OF CAVE CITY, KENTUCKY; CITY OF SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY; AND CITY OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY, FORMING THE BARREN RIVER DRUG TASK FORCE

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 Lowery
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast naming the Industry of the Year will be held at the Barren River State Park Resort on Friday, September 16th at 7:00 a.m. Council Members planning on attending may pick your tickets up at the Chamber office.
Country music icon, Lee Greenwood will be in concert at the Plaza Theatre on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. For more information contact the Plaza at 270-361-2101.

The annual B&PW Club’s Arts and Crafts on the Square will be held Saturday, September 24th from 9 a.m. until 3 P.M.

Council Member Groce announced there will be no planning and development meeting this week.

Council Member Oldenkamp announced the Barren River Animal Welfare Association will host “Strut your Mutt” at Beaver Trail on Saturday, September 17th from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Oldenkamp gave an update on action that has been taken by the Electric Plant Board since their meeting. They held a special called meeting on August 31st where the board approved a letter of response to the Kentucky Attorney General. It was also announced that the EPB had an alternative rate that was already approved by the TVA which was immediately available to customers. This alternative rate was not customized to Glasgow as will be the case with the new rate that will be designed but it does not include the incident peak charge. As of today fourteen customers have elected to switch to the alternative rate. Their next meeting will be September 27th at which time the new rate will be presented and voted on by the board. TVA has agreed if it is passed by the board, they will approve it for usage beginning October 1, 2016. TVA is working very closely with EPB to get this done as quickly as possible within the time frame the EPB has given them.

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson to suspend the rules for one (1) item.
SECOND was by Council Member Witcher
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

Council Member Dickinson move the following resolution be adopted by the Council.

Be it hereby resolved by the city of Glasgow, Kentucky that the Mayor be authorized and directed to ask the Glasgow Electric Plant Board to terminate immediately the employment of Superintendent Billy Ray.

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson
SECOND was by Council Member Oliver

Council Member Oldenkamp asked under what terms Council Member Dickinson would like to ask the City Council to have Mayor Doty to ask the EPB to terminate their superintendent. She asked for any findings of facts. She said so far he has done everything that has been asked of him by the Electric Plant Board which is his supervising body. She feels the electric plant board is going above and beyond to get this community back on track. To ask this council to take such a huge step without any evidence or facts other than you don’t like the rates, she feels is a terrible use of their power.
Council Member Dickinson discussed the funds being comingle in opposition of the TVA agreement, six deficiencies in the recent audit findings, inventory management, segregation of duties, journal entry review and approval, customer adjustment monitoring and bidding procedures. All of these Dickinson stated were significant weaknesses in the audit. He immediately called the question for the vote but the motion failed and discussion continues. Several other council members had comments and remarks pertaining to the issue.

After a voice vote, a roll call vote was requested.

Dickinson – yes   Bucher – no
Groce – no        Neal – no
Norris – yes      Oldenkamp – no
Lowery – no       Witcher – yes
Trigg – no        Oliver – yes
Hammer – yes      Honeycutt – yes

There being a tie vote, Mayor Doty cast the tie-breaking vote of no to the resolution stating he felt the board was responsible for Mr. Ray’s employment and it would be unjustified to approve the resolution.

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Norris made a motion for adjournment at 7:45 p.m., Council Member Oliver seconded. Motion carried.