November 13, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 13th day of November, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following persons present:

HONORABLE MAYOR: Dick Doty

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jake Dickinson
Patrick Gaunce
Brad Groce
Stacy Hammer
Greg Harris
Wendell Honeycutt
Marna Kirkpatrick
Chasity Lowery
James Neal
Freddie Norris
Gary Oliver
Marlon Witcher

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Freddie Norris opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 10-23-17

MOTION was made by Council Member Harris for the approval and adoption of the 10-23-17 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Lowery
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

SCOTT YOUNG, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE GLASGOW WATER COMPANY, TO GIVE THEIR ANNUAL REPORT

Young stated they are the 14th largest water utility in the state of Kentucky of approximately 340 utilities based on population served. Young said the Water Company has a service area that encompasses about 444 square miles, which includes the majority of Barren County, Glasgow, a portion of Allen County and a portion of Edmonson County. Young said they provide water service to roughly 19,300 customer connections. Scott Young said the Glasgow Water Company
provides wholesale water to four surrounding utilities. Those included Edmonton Water Works which services Metcalfe County, Allen County Water District, Fountain Run Water District and Caveland Environmental Authority. Young stated their water treatment operation distributes over 2.8 billion gallons annually. Young stated they provide sewer service to over 7,000 sewer connections. Young said that typically that was more geared toward the confines of the city limits and now with some of their sewer extensions where force mains have been extended into the unincorporated areas of the county, the customer base is now growing within Barren County. Mr. Young said their wastewater treatment operations treat over 758 million gallons annually. Young stated they maintain 844 miles of water mains and 144 miles of sewer mains. One of the common questions he is asked is why is someone out of water according to Mr. Young. He stated when you combine the miles of water and sewer mains, imagine one continuous pipeline running from Glasgow, Kentucky to Pueblo, Colorado. Young said that is what they maintain within that 444 square mile area. Young said the Water Company has 50 employees; 46 full time and 4 part time employees. Young stated that number has been pretty static for the last decade with some retiring and those positions not being filled. He stated with the use of technologies it has helped in operations and not having to acquire additional staff. Young said that 46% of their workforce is licensed water/wastewater treatment professionals. Young stated you can’t operate a municipal utility without these licensed professionals and the Water Company workforce has a combined 520 years of service experience.

Mr. Young stated the fiscal year 2017-2018 operating and capital budget combined is $16.1 million. Young said it is their mission at the Glasgow Water Company to provide the highest quality water and wastewater services at the lowest possible cost while continuing to meet the needs of today’s customers as well as future generations. Young said in 1937 the Glasgow Water Company was established as a municipal utility by the City Council and the City Council approves the members of the Glasgow Water Company Water and Sewer Commission. Young said the City Council approves the schedule of rates and debt service financing. Young said the City Council also is required by Department of Environmental Protection to approve specific water and wastewater regulations. Young said he would be coming back to the City Council to amend some of the Water Company regulations. Mr. Young said the Water and Sewer Commission oversees the administrative operation of the Glasgow Water Company. Currently they have five members and Young pointed out that two of the five members serve on this body. The Water Company is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, which in turn regulates the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection. Young said they are also regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission when it comes to wholesale rate increases.

Young said one of the things about customer service is the Water Company average 5,500 customers a month that walk into the Water Company office to pay their bill or other needs. Young said they also average about 3,300 phone calls per month. Mr. Young said this is remarkable considering they only have three customer service representatives.

The Water Company performs basically the majority of all of the engineering design in-house. For fiscal year 2016-2017, the engineering would have been about $290,000 if they had it done by an outside firm according to Mr. Young. They average about 220 utility locate requests per month. Young said this calendar year, they have located 44 miles of their system.
Mr. Young said one of the biggest changes in the last six years is they do all of their own construction in-house. He said the only thing they would contract out would be, for instance, a big sewer job such as the one everyone has witnessed. They oversee all the pump station installations, lift station installations, water and sewer main extensions. By doing this, they have been able to save a tremendous amount of money and take those savings and reinvest back into equipment for operations.

Young said the systems operations are the ones that operate the logistics of the system every day, from tank levels to pump pressures and pump statuses to sewer lift stations.

Mr. Young said they have two water treatment plants. Barren River Reservoir plant is a 12 million gallon per day capacity plant and the Beaver Creek plant is a 2.5 million gallon per day capacity plant. Young said their operations distribute over 2.8 billion gallons of water per year.

Mr. Young said they have a state certified microbiology lab at their Lucas plant and that is staffed by eight operators and lab analysts. Young said they are one in 49 in the state that is certified to be a micro lab. They don’t have to send the majority of their samples out to another lab. They do it in-house and they actually have a regional basis for the other utilities around. This is a significant cost savings and time issue savings.

Young said there are $7 million worth of capital improvement projects funded. Young said there were $8.7 million in capital improvements plans completed in fiscal year 2016-2017. Mr. Young stated they are projecting a need for $100 million dollars over the next 40 years. Mr. Young said with the upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, we now have a new state of the art treatment plant. Through the efforts, they are seeing a 38% reduction in power usage.

The wastewater collection improvements is basically what dominated their capital budget for last year per Mr. Young. In conjunction with IDEA, sanitary sewer was extended east of the Cumberland Parkway to service D & B as a part of IDEA project and opened up the corridor for future growth and future sewer extension.

Since 2010, the Water Company has went through five phases in the remediation project and extend sanitary sewer. To date, roughly $18.3 million has been spent on sanitary sewer overflow remediation. There is only one remaining sanitary sewer overflow location which is at Cherry Street and North Race Street.

Mr. Young said since he has been the manager, they have completed $37,604,419 of capital improvement projects. For fiscal year 2017-2018, they have roughly $7 million in budgeted.

Young said he is proud of their rates. Mr. Young explained the difference is the usage among customers. Young pointed out that five gallon of water basically cost 2.2 cents. Young also pointed out that 5 gallons cost sewer customers basically 2.9 cents.

Mr. Young talked about the different accomplishments of the Glasgow Water Company, including their EPA AWOP status. Minimum guidelines established by the EPA must be
achieved to meet this status. Young said they have exceeded this for the past consistent eleven years. Young said their minimum operating standards is AWOP. Young said they could further diminish their rates if they wanted to diminish quality and still meet the minimum standards, but to them turning out the best product is more important than the cost associated with it. That is something the employees of the Glasgow Water Company are extremely proud of.

Council Member Gaunce said it seems they are spread in a lot of different directions. Mr. Young said they are experiencing growing pains. Young said the biggest obstacle they have is from a regulatory standpoint because there are provisions within the Clean Water Act. Young said things are moving quickly as it relates to water quality. Addressing some of this is going to require bodies and additional programs.

ORDINANCE NO. ____________

ORDINANCE ---- 2ND READING ---- ORDINANCE
DECREASING THE NUMERICAL COMPOSITION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL (Sponsored by Council Member Greg Harris)

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 Groce
VOTE Yes – 5 No – 7 AB – 0

Dickinson – no Kirkpatrick – no
Gaunce – yes Lowery – no
Groce – yes Neal – no
Hammer – no Norris – yes
Harris – yes Oliver – yes
Honeycutt – no Witcher – no

MOTION FAILED

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2906

ORDINANCE ---- 2ND READING ---- ORDINANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2886, THE CITY OF
GLASGOW ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2017 THROUGH 6-30-2018 BY APPROPRIATING FROM
THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND $215,000 FOR A FIRE TRUCK

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 Kirkpatrick
VOTE Yes – 12 No – 0 AB – 0
Dickinson – yes Kirkpatrick – yes
Gaunce – yes Lowery – yes
Groce – yes Neal – yes
Hammer – yes Norris – yes
Harris – yes Oliver – yes
Honeycutt – yes Witcher – yes

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ---- 1ST READING ---- ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE VII, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 72, PARKING REGULATIONS

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Honeycutt for the first reading approval of the Ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Hammer
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ---- 1ST READING ---- ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF GLASGOW, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE VII, TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 75, PARKING SCHEDULES

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 Oliver
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 1 (Dickinson) AB – 0
Prior to vote, Council Member Dickinson asked for the fine increasing to $30 increased from $5 a little steep. Council Member Dickinson asked if the committee could address that. Council Member Honeycutt stated the time allowed to park will be increased. Police Chief Guy Howie stated the time will be increased to two hours. Howie also stated the $5 fine was put into existence in 1968. Council Member Harris stated one fine was changed from $25 to only $30.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2364

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF GLASGOW TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A HYDRAULIC TOOL SET GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION FUND

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 Kirkpatrick
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2365

RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY VEHICLES “SURPLUS” AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO KRS 82.083

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 Norris
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CITY PROPERTY TAX BILLS WERE MAILED OUT OCTOBER 31ST. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR BILL PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AT 270-651-5131.
THE ANNUAL CITY LEAF COLLECTION IS ONGOING. TO FIND THE DATES LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED ON YOUR STREET, THE SCHEDULE IS ONLINE AT WWW.CITYOFGLASGOW.ORG OR YOU MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 270-651-5977.

CHRISS FREEMAN, 911 DIRECTOR, TOOK AND PASSED THE EMERGENCY NUMBER PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION (NENA). HE IS ONE OF ONLY TWO 911 DIRECTORS IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY TO HAVE ACHIEVED THIS CERTIFICATION.

THE FAR OFF BROADWAY PLAYERS WILL BE PRESENTING “TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD” AT THE PLAZA THEATRE. THE SCHOOL MATINEES WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH AT 9:00 A.M. AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH AT 9:00 A.M. THE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES WILL BE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 7:00 P.M. AND AGAIN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 2:00 P.M. TICKETS FOR SCHOOL MATINEE (SCHOOLS ONLY) IS $5, PUBLIC IS $12 AND GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE IS $10. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PLAZA AT 270-361-2101.

ALL PARADE APPLICATION ARE DUE AT THE CHAMBER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

THE 6TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT BARREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. THIS IS A TIME DEDICATED TO HONORING AND CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN AND LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR CHILDREN’S WELFARE. ADMISSION IS FREE AND DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. PROCEEDS BENEFIT AREA CHILDREN IN NEED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANY FAMILY RESOURCE OR YOUTH SERVICES CENTER.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

LIGHT UP GLASGOW WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE NORTH PUBLIC SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE.

COUNTY MUSIC SINGER MARK CHESNUTT WILL BE PERFORMING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE PLAZA THEATRE. TICKETS ARE $35 FOR MAIN FLOOR AND $30 FOR BALCONY. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS, CONTACT THE PLAZA BOX OFFICE AT 270-361-2101 OR ONLINE AT WWW.HISTORICPLAZA.COM.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND. THIS WILL START AT GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL AND END AT SAVE-A-LOT ON SOUTH GREEN STREET. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 270-651-3161.
SANTA’S HOUSE ON THE SQUARE WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH EACH NIGHT FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH EACH DAY FROM 12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M. ON IN FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE. COME VISIT SANTA IN THIS FESTIVE VILLA DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAYS. GIVE SANTA YOUR WISH LIST AND TOUR THE VILLA. THERE WILL BE FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES FOR ALL! FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 270-651-3161.

COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD GROCE ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE NO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY.

COUNCIL MEMBER FREDDIE NORRIS ANNOUNCED THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT 5:00 P.M. AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WITH DR. MICHAEL RICE PREACHING. NORRIS SAID ANNUAL THERE IS AN OFFERING THAT IS RECEIVED AND GOES TO COMMUNITY RELIEF.

EDDIE FURLONG, DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE ONGOING MASTER PLAN. FURLONG SAID ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A PACKET. FURLONG SAID SO FAR 338 PARTICIPANTS HAVE TAKEN THE ONLINE SURVEY. FURLONG STATED THE MAIL SURVEY WILL BE GOING OUT IN A WEEK OR TWO AND A LOT OF INPUT IS EXPECTED FROM THIS. FURLONG SAID IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, TO CALL HIM AND HE WILL BE HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THIS. FURLONG STATED OF THE 338 PARTICIPANTS, 94 HAVE BEEN IN THE PARKS SYSTEM WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. FURLONG SAID THE PARK THAT IS MOST USED IS BEAVER CREEK, WHICH IS NOT A SURPRISE AND IS 83%.

There being no further business to come before Council, Council Member Oliver made a motion for adjournment, Council Member Lowery seconded. Motion carried.

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMIE MCFARLIN
CITY CLERK