November 27, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 27th 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 - absent
                    Patrick Gaunce
                    Brad Groce
                    Stacy Hammer
                    Greg Harris
                    Wendell Honeycutt
                    Marna Kirkpatrick
                    Chasity Lowery
                    James Neal
                    Freddie Norris
                    Gary Oliver - absent
                    Marlin Witcher

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Brad Groce opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 11-13-17

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris for the approval and adoption of the 11-13-17 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Witcher
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

BILLY RAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GLASGOW ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD, TO PRESENT THEIR ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Ray made notice of materials that were distributed to all Council Members, the Mayor, the City Attorney and the City Clerk. Ray stated on the second page there is a list of items they agreed to do in response to the Advisory Council. Ray said you can see progress is being made on that. Ray stated there is one item, alternative rate considerations, where they were asked to
somehow poll the people on the alternative rate asking them if they are happy with the way it is or if they would rather it include some kind of time differentiated component. Ray said a letter has been prepared to send to the 1,100 or so people asking if they like the way it is or if they would like it to be more like the variable rate, in that it had a on peak/off peak energy charge. Mr. Ray said that after nearly two years of the rate being in place, they are on track for each year to have reduced the amount of money leaving Glasgow going to TVA by $350,000. At the end of 2017, we will be $700,000 better in Glasgow than we would have been otherwise.

Mr. Ray said there is a full report of the SET project (Smart Energy Technology) done by an independent group as part of the TVA reporting process. Ray said there has been a lot of negativity about a project that brought $7,500,000 into our community. Ray said one thing that has not been aired out, just using standard chamber of commerce economic multipliers, you would normally multiply any dollar by five or seven, depending on your economic philosophy to measure the economic impact on a community. Ray stated so using the smaller multiplier five, that project had a $35,000,000 impact on this community. Ray said this is new money brought into this community circulating in the economy as a result of this project. Ray said this was not on his list of accomplishments that the Board asked him to do. Ray also said it was not on the Council’s list, but they did it. Ray said his team put together a winning application and implemented successfully a very complicated project in competition with all the other 154 distributors of TVA power. Ray said Glasgow was chosen, Glasgow got the money and Glasgow got the $35,000,000 in our local economy. Mr. Ray said he wanted to be sure that got out there because it did not seem to be headed out there any other way.

Mr. Ray said on page 4 there is information on how a municipal utility differs from other utilities. Ray stated EPB cut checks to local agencies every year called in lieu of tax payments. Ray said since their property is not subject to ad valorem taxes because they are non-profit, the Plant Board pays them anyway to the tune this year of $375,000 spread among City of Glasgow, Barren Fiscal Court, city schools, county schools and the library. Ray stated that is another not often discussed value of having a municipally-owned utility. Ray said the Plant Board also provides free services that seldom get mentioned. Mr. Ray said he and Charlie Honeycutt negotiated a deal many years ago for the City to enjoy free fiber optic circuits from City Hall and from their network operations center to all the different city agencies. Ray said if you were paying market rates for that, it is worth another $37,000 a year. Ray said they do a poor job of reminding you of that so he is doing it tonight.

Mr. Ray said included in the distributed material is a little discussion about converting to LED street lights. Ray said there is an extensive discussion about the work they have done over the last year and the work they anticipate doing over the next year on the broadband network, or the internet, part of their services. Ray made notice of the graphic showing the growth of their network. Ray stated one of the most impressive graphics is the one showing how much internet traffic in Glasgow is devoted to services like Netflix. Ray said for every bit that flows through Glasgow, about 70% is Netflix traffic. Ray stated that is something that is in the press these days is the whole concept of internet neutrality. Ray asked if Netflix should be able to come in, take over our network and use the whole bandwidth or should they set up a toll booth to make sure they pay their fair share. Ray said that is the whole issue of net neutrality. Ray said it is an issue
that they are worried some about. Ray said it looks like every time they increase the speed and the bandwidth of their network, Netflix consumes it. Mr. Ray stated the issue their Board will be dealing with is complicated and comes up every three years is the fees the broadcast stations are charging the Plant Board to carry their product. Ray said they are pretty much forced to carry the Bowling Green stations, such as WBKO and WNKY. Ray stated the rest, from Nashville and Louisville, are carried because their customers like having a Louisville station and a couple of Nashville stations. Ray said they gave got so expensive and what they are asking for, starting in 2018 for the next three years, is described in the graphic showing all the asking prices in the distributed information. Ray said on Tuesday night the Board has to make a decision that nobody looks forward to. Ray said they have to choose to keep the Nashville and Louisville stations and pay their price, increasing rates for cable by about $11 a month, or drop the Nashville and Louisville stations and keep the Bowling Green stations to only increase the rates $3.50 a month. Ray said there is no way to win in that. Ray said he knows what everyone wants them to do, keep everything and not have to have a rate increase, but that is not possible for a non-profit service to do that is already losing a lot of money. Ray said on Tuesday night the Board will be making that decision and then they will be notifying the community. Ray said this will be a big controversial and unpleasant thing. Ray said the decision has to be made between now and December 31st.

Mr. Ray said everyone should have a copy of their audit. Ray stated over half of the document is dealing with GASB required statements on the pension plan, the potential liability and how it impacts their financial statements. Ray made notice their electric net income decreased again this year compared to last year. Ray said that flies right in the face of people thinking that the new rates produce a lot of new income for them. Ray stated that is a nice fairy tale but is just not true. Ray stated their income is decreasing. Ray said there is an option in the little TVA Act that allows the City Council to choose their auditor. Ray said they were told earlier this year that the Council wants to exercise that, so you need to get to doing it. Ray stated that choice need to be made by March, 2018 to keep everyone on schedule for the annual audit process.

Council Member Harris asked Mr. Ray if we used less kilowatts from TVA causing the $700,000 savings from the last two years. Ray said yes and we reduced our demand charges from TVA and we reduced the kilowatt hours we are buying on peak and bought more off peak kilowatt hours. Ray said people changed the way they use energy and that reduced the toll that TVA takes on the community. Council Member Harris asked if Mr. Ray knows any of the other electric suppliers are going with the variable price rate since we went in on it. Ray said he can tell Councilman Harris that they are all interested and they are all, as opposed to them, hiring consultants to tell them what they ought to be thinking about. Ray said TVA is trying to change the wholesale rate to a similarly variable rate so that their wholesale rate looks a lot like the architecture of the Plant Board’s retail rate. Ray said to give an answer about somebody that has done it; no. Ray said everybody is looking but no one is acting.

Council Member Groce stated that looking at the chart of the rates and channels, are we still relatively the cheapest. Ray said even if we stood with the status quo and had to do an $11 rate increase, we would still be the cheapest cable TV in the country, but it would still be an $11 increase. Ray said he is sure the Board will be looking for guidance on this because nobody wants to deal with it.
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2907

ORDINANCE ---- 2ND 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 second time and caused to be read for the second time.

MOTION was made by Council Member Hammer for the second reading approval and adoption of the Ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Kirkpatrick
VOTE Yes – 10 No – 0 AB – 0

Gaunce – yes Kirkpatrick – yes
Groce – yes Lowery – yes
Hammer – yes Neal – yes
Harris – yes Norris – yes
Honeycutt – yes Witcher – yes

Prior to the vote, Council Member Norris asked if there have been any responses or questions. Mayor Doty said he has had no responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2908

ORDINANCE ---- 2ND 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 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 Honeycutt
VOTE Yes – 10 No – 0 AB – 0

Gaunce – yes Kirkpatrick – yes
Groce – yes       Lowery – yes
Hammer – yes      Neal – yes
Harris – yes      Norris – yes
Honeynut – yes    Witcher – yes

Prior to the request for Motion, Council Member Hammer asked who will maximize the two hour parking and how to know they are on the Square for two hours. Police Chief Guy Howie said with chalk and the Public Safety Officer would be monitoring this closely.

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ---- 1ST READING ---- ORDINANCE
AMENDING GLASGOW ZONING ORDINANCE, REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 COLUMBIA AVENUE, GLASGOW, KENTUCKY, CONTAINING 0.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) DUAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO B-2 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) 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 Groce for the first reading approval of the Ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Norris
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017-759

MUNICIPAL ORDER APPOINTING R P WATSON, nunc pro tunc, TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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 Groce
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present
MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. _2017-760_

MUNICIPAL ORDER RE-APPOINTING ROLLIN UNDERWOOD, _nunc pro tunc_, TO THE GLASGOW WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 1, 2020

A proposed municipal order was presented and caused to be read

MOTION was made by Council Member Witcher for the approval and adoption of the Municipal Order
SECOND was by Council Member Honeycutt
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, SPONSORED BY THE GLASGOW-BARREN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. AT GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 270-651-3161 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.GLASGOWBARRENCHAMBER.COM.

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. IN FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE. FOR INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT 270-651-3161.

THE ANNUAL GLASGOW COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE PLAZA THEATRE. THIS IS A FREE CONCERT AND THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT TO GIVE A PERSON
WHO HAS IT ALL, WHY NOT GIVE THEM A PLAZA THEATRE GIFT CERTIFICATE?

COUNCIL MEMBER NORRIS GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE HOSTED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. THE TOTAL FOR THE FREE WILL OFFERING WAS $1,360.

COUNCIL MEMBER HARRIS RECOGNIZED THE 2017 GLASGOW SCOTTIE FOOTBALL TEAM ON A GREAT SEASON, WINNING THEIR 7TH REGIONAL TITLE AND MAKING IT TO THE SEMI-STATE. GO SCOTTIES!

COUNCIL MEMBER KIRKPATRICK ASKED FOR EVERYONE TO KEEP COUNCIL MEMBER JAKE DICKINSON IN THEIR PRAYERS. HE IS DOWN IN HIS BACK.

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

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMIE MCFARLIN
CITY CLERK