December 11, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 11th day of December, 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
                      Marlin Witcher

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Patrick Gaunce opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 11-27-17

MOTION was made by Council Member Hammer for the approval and adoption of the
11-27-17 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Kirkpatrick
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

Police Chief Guy Howie recognized Officer Steven Fields for his actions on November 9, 2017. Chief Howie presented Officer Fields with the Police Department’s Lifesaver Award. On November 9, Officer Fields was dispatched to a call on Bishop Road in reference to a baby not breathing. When Officer Fields arrived at the scene, the baby had turned blue. Officer Fields was able to clear the baby’s airway and keep the airway open until the Ambulance arrived. Officer Fields’ actions obviously saved the life of this child. Chief Howie stated they are very proud of Officer Fields. Sergeant Justin Kirkpatrick presented Officer Fields and Mrs. Fields with a gift certificate. Sgt. Kirkpatrick said his shift appreciates his actions, courage and he is a great asset to our community.
MAYOR DOTY ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO TREVOR MORRISON AND ELLIOTT TAYLOR, NEW POLICE OFFICERS AT THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT.

DENNIS CHANEY, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF THE BARREN RIVER DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Mr. Chaney said Barren County and Glasgow is faced with an opportunity to implement into law a practice that was put in the Commonwealth in March, 2015. It is a syringe exchange law which allows for a community to offer the exchange of hypodermic needles, dirty ones for clean ones, to those members in the community that are injection drug users. Chaney said currently there are about 30 of those programs around the state. Chaney said Barren River District Health Department is an eight-county health district and Bowling Green/Warren County is the only one participating at this time. Chaney said that program has been in existence since August, 2016. Chaney said the way the program works is that there is education about the law to the local Board of Health and that was done about a year ago. After that, the Board asked for a community forum. Chaney said this was done, including education, to receive community input. At a board meeting in August, 2017 the Barren County Board of Health did pass that unanimously. Chaney said the way the law works, before a program can go into practice, it does require the approval of three bodies; the Board of Health, county government and city government where the program would be offered.

Mr. Chaney said the purpose of the time this evening is informational. Chaney said they have provided the Mayor and Council Members information which is the same information provided to the Fiscal Court and the recent Administrative Committee of the Fiscal Court.

Mr. Chaney said the objective of the Exchange Program are multifaceted. Chaney said it is not just bringing in dirty needles, getting clean ones and going home. Chaney said the program is intended to address several different things during the visit, including educating and safe needle use and not to share. Chaney said Kentucky decided to advance the opportunity into law due to what was happening north of Louisville on I65 in a small community of 4,000 in Austin, Indiana, where they were seeing quite an increase in HIV cases. Chaney said when those epidemiologists, such as theirs, Srihari Seshadri, who is in attendance with Mr. Chaney, started looking at the data from patients, they realized the increase in HIV cases resulted from needle sharing within the injection drug use community. Chaney said this is what prompted Kentucky to look at what is going on in our state.

Mr. Chaney said the Barren County Board of Health did approve a one-for-one exchange. Chaney said there can be three different models; a one-for-one exchange, a no exchange whatsoever or there can be some form of negotiations model. Chaney said there are currently different variations across the state.

Mr. Chaney said the other situation that would happen during those exchange visits are asking participants if they know their HIV or Hepatitis C status. Chaney said if that status is unknown, participants will be encouraged to be tested. Chaney said opportunities will be discussed to
change the behavior with counseling and the opportunity for users to get clean. Chaney said since the program started, one participant has started, is since in treatment and is no longer using the program. Chaney said the first time the program was offered, they didn’t have a person show up, which is typical for programs. Chaney said now there are 55 people that use the program that can come as often as necessary.

Mr. Chaney said this evening’s opportunity is to make the Mayor and City Council aware of what is currently being discussed within the community, to answer any questions and address concerns. Chaney said if they don’t know the answer, they will be glad to get that information and get it back to anyone. Chaney asked if anyone has any questions.

Council Member Harris asked if the testing for HIV and Hepatitis was provided on-site. Chaney said this can be provided and it is not required. Chaney stated the program allows for individuals to remain anonymous. Chaney said the intent of the program is for users to develop a relationship and rapport with the person that can influence them to change their behavior. Council Member Harris asked if this was anonymous. Chaney answered by saying yes it can with the intent to protect the individual to a high degree. Chaney stated that the three individuals that work for this program have developed a good relationship with these folks and are on a first name basis.

Council Member Oliver asked if there was a possibility that this could bring more drug traffic to Barren County from other counties. Council Member Oliver asked if these people here can go to Bowling Green for the needle exchange. Chaney said they certainly can. Chaney said participants are asked to provide their zip codes. Chaney said this is how tracking is done and they have people coming from Tennessee. Council Member Oliver asked if you are really concerned about it you can go to Bowling Green to get the exchange. Chaney answered by saying sure. Council Member Oliver asked if this could bring more drug traffic to this area. Chaney said it may be and he does not have any information on that but he would imagine that would be a possibility.

Council Member Groce asked if Chaney has any idea on the number of participants going to Warren County from Barren County. Chaney said only a couple with zip codes coming from Barren County.

Council Member Norris asked if there has been any pushback from any part of the medical field or medical community for this program. Chaney asked if he was asking about their experience in Warren County/Bowling Green. Council Member Norris said just generally any part of the medical society that has not really been on board with it. Chaney said he has not personally been contacted by anyone from the medical community expressing concern about offering the program. Chaney said their responsibility is to help you folks make an informed decision and some communities are not ready. Chaney said it is not his responsibility to push something on you. Chaney said syringe exchange programs have been in this country for over 20 years. Chaney said from a public health practice standpoint, they look at it from a community disease transmission standpoint; the way diseases are transmitted. Chaney said that was the whole reason in Austin, Indiana that those folks decided that they needed to do something. Chaney said
they gathered statistics and in the packets distributed you will see some information. Chaney stated this is information currently in our region.

Council Member Norris asked if this program is under HIPAA. Mr. Chaney answered saying yes, absolutely.

Council Member Lowery said she has a question about the funding for the program. Council Member Lowery said she knows this will come through the Barren River District Health Department. Council Member Lowery asked if the implementation of a program like this here in Glasgow have any negative effect on the other services provided by the Health Department. Council Member Lowery asked if there would be funding loss from different groups to go into this needle exchange. Mr. Chaney said no. Mr. Chaney said when the program first started in Kentucky, the ASAP Boards around the Commonwealth weren’t considering the utilization of any of their grant funds to support this. Chaney said they have since changed their mind. Chaney said the local ASAP Board has earmarked $1,000 should the program go forward to help supply funding. Chaney said it will not take away from any additional programming or funding that is currently being earmarked for Barren or any of the other seven counties served by the Barren River District Health Department. Council Member Lowery asked if they will be able to utilize current staff members to provide counseling for the people coming in. Chaney said yes that is what they are currently doing in Warren County.

Council Member Gaunce asked if this was done in Jefferson County. Mr. Chaney said Louisville and Jefferson County was the very first one. Chaney said that have several thousand folks that participate and have several different sites. Council Member Gaunce asked to get Ron Lafferty, Director of the Barren River Drug Task Force, here. Council Member Gaunce said he sees positives and he sees concerns about it. Council Member Gaunce said he hasn’t heard of anyone in Bowling Green complaining about this.

Mayor Doty stated there is a tremendous amount of information in the distributed packet. Mayor Doty said there will be questions that will come to mind in the coming days. Mayor Doty said he would like to forward this to the Public Safety Committee for them to put in on their agenda at their next meeting to further discuss this and make a recommendation to this full body. Mayor Doty said he would recommend they invite Mr. Lafferty to come to that. Mayor Doty said Chief Howie has spoken about this and he would be a good resource as well. Mayor Doty stated tonight was more about information to this entire group to get that research started.

Council Member Groce asked Chaney if we are only the second county seat he is having this meeting at or is there any others in our district. Mr. Chaney said they are the second. Chaney said we are the second Board of Health in the eight counties to make a decision.

Mr. Chaney said that they will be glad to come back to discuss this further if folks will let them know when.
ORDINANCE NO. __2017-2909__

ORDINANCE ---- 2ND 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 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 – 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 ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2902, THE CITY OF GLASGOW ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7-1-2017 THROUGH 6-30-2018 BY APPROPRIATING FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED SANITATION/LANDFILL FUND $25,000.00 FOR REPAIRS ON A COMPACTOR AND BY APPROPRIATING FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND $21,868.86 FOR THE FOLLOWING; REPAIRS TO WALL AT THE CULTURAL CENTER, HOUSE DEMOLITION AND FOR PASSENGER VEHICLE AND TO RECEIVE $16,868.86 IN INSURANCE MONIES AND DEMOLITION REIMBURSEMENT

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ---- 1ST READING ---- ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CITY
TREASURER

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson for the first reading approval of the Ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Oliver

Prior to the vote, Council Member Gaunce stated he does not understand why they need a treasurer there; no disrespect to the Treasurer. Council Member Gaunce said if he has a question, he asks and gets his answer very timely. Council Member Gaunce stated he gets his agenda then if he has any questions he finds the questions. Council Member Gaunce said he would rather not find the questions at 7:30 at night. Council Member Gaunce stated maybe someone could help him understand why they are doing this. Council Member Gaunce asked is this one person is it going to turn into five people and are City Parks people going to be there and he is trying to understand.

Council Member Dickinson stated he thought City Parks was usually there. Council Member Dickinson said the Personnel Committee met. Council Member Dickinson stated you have heard him ask several financial questions and he didn’t get quite a satisfactory answer to over the several months they have been serving together. Council Member Dickinson said, other members, as well as himself, admit an inability to get through the budget. Council Member Dickinson said it is a difficult document to handle. Council Member Dickinson said he thinks it’s not much to ask that the Treasurer be present to answer those questions.

Council Member Gaunce said he agrees that the budget can be an overwhelming deal, but Council Member Gaunce asked Council Member Dickinson if he has been to the Treasurer’s office and tried to understand it, or you just don’t understand it or it is too hard to get through. Council Member Dickinson said it is just too hard to get through, that he can’t work through it and he can’t find what he is looking for. Council Member Dickinson said if they have it at the meeting, that is great, but he still can’t read it. Council Member Gaunce asked Council Member Dickinson if what he is asking is for someone to be there to answer questions, just for the treasury, or for budgets or for HR. Council Member Dickinson answered saying the Treasurer to be there to answer any and all financial questions to do with the dealings of this meeting. Council Member Harris said he is assuming this is just for the City Council meetings and not the committee meetings. Council Member Dickinson said correct. Council Member Harris asked if this involves overtime. Council Member Harris stated he thinks that is why the County has gone to 9:00 or 10:00 meetings to reduce the overtime pay but he does not know the answer to that question. Mayor Doty stated that is a salary position.
Council Member Lowery asked if the attendance at these meetings is going to affect her work during the day because this will put her over 40 hours if she comes twice a month. Mayor Doty said this is a salaried position. Mayor Doty said typically those have been handled, as most salaried positions, that if she was required to be at a meeting, then she would take off earlier in that day. Council Member Groce stated he understands she is not a department head, but he asked if any department heads are required to be there and if that is part of the job description to be at the meetings. Mayor Doty stated none of the department heads are required to be at Council Meetings. Mayor Doty said the only person required to be at Council Meetings in the administrative staff, according to their job description, is the Clerk; Clerk/Administrator in our particular case. Mayor Doty said the department heads that come simply as a show of support to answer any questions that might pertain to their specific departments.

Mayor Doty said, quite personally, this is not completely necessary if there are no items on the agenda that are budget-related or if there are no items related to Public Works items on the agenda, for Mr. Frey to be here tonight is really unnecessary. Mayor Doty said the other part of this, he would like to assume that the twelve Council Members do work outside of this hour twice a month. Mayor Doty said he would like to think when you receive that agenda, that those items are reviewed, researched, discussed with constituents, a basic formulation of your opinion taking place prior to being here, but if we want to have a “jack in the box” style decision made right here then Mayor Doty guesses all city employees should be there to answer any questions that might come into our minds. Council Member Dickinson said perhaps he is right and perhaps the job descriptions should be looked at for the department heads.

Council Member Gaunce said, in all respect to Council Member Dickinson, is that the hard thing for him to understand is that, if he read the paper right, that committee hadn’t met for fourteen months and the first order of business was the Treasurer come to the City Council meetings. Council Member Dickinson said he called the meeting for that purpose. Council Member Dickinson said he has asked too many questions about finances at meetings that went unanswered. Council Member Gaunce asked Council Member Dickinson if for fourteen months, there was no need to have a meeting. Mayor Doty asked if this was the only time the question could be asked. Council Member Dickinson asked what question. Mayor Doty replied by saying any budgetary question or financial question. Council Member Dickinson replied by saying no. Mayor Doty asked if it could only be asked in the confines of this meeting. Council Member Dickinson replied by saying no, but he thinks it is mighty handy to have somebody here during the meeting. Council Member Gaunce said he thinks they get paid a good sum of money on an hourly basis and he can call any department head. Council Member Gaunce said he has not had anyone shut him down yet, so he doesn’t see the issue. Council Member Gaunce said he has not met anyone in the City that he could call and they were not receptive to it.

Council Member Norris said at this point, he thinks it would be better to make a motion to table this and send it back to the Personnel Committee for some more thought rather than continue to debate the issue. Council Member Norris said that is his motion if that is appropriate.

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris to Table this item
SECOND was by Council Member Kirkpatrick
VOTE 

Yes – 9 

No – 3 

AB – 0 

Dickinson – no 

Kirkpatrick – yes 

Gaunce – yes 

Lowery – yes 

Groce – yes 

Neal – yes 

Hammer – yes 

Norris – yes 

Harris – yes 

Oliver – no 

Honeycutt – no 

Witcher – yes 

Council Member Norris asked the Mayor that he believes he is on the Personnel Committee and he was not notified of this meeting and he don’t know if he just didn’t see the email or what, so he would appreciate the Mayor checking on this. Mayor Doty told Council Member Norris that he will see the notice gets to him.

The Mayor announced that the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting falls on Christmas Day. Mayor Doty said unless there is some objection, he will cancel that meeting and the next meeting will be the first meeting in January. There were no objection to cancelling the December 25 Council Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE RHETT WALKER BAND WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE PLAZA THEATRE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 7:30 P.M. TICKETS ARE $12 IN ADVANCE AND $15 AT THE DOOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS, CONTACT THE PLAZA BOX OFFICE AT 270-361-2101 OR ONLINE AT WWW.HISTORICPLAZA.COM.

A NIGHT OF HOPE, PRESENTED BY FOUR OF OUR AREA CHURCHES, WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AT THE PLAZA THEATRE. THIS IS A FREE EVENT TO THE PUBLIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@RIVERLAKECHURCH.COM OR CALL 270-678-5112.

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? THESE ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE PLAZA WEBSITE.

GLASGOW CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.


WHITEY MORGAN WITH SPECIAL GUESTS WARD DAVIS AND ALEX WILLIAMS WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE PLAZA ON NEW YEAR’S EVE, DECEMBER 31ST AT
9:30 P.M. TICKETS ARE $35 AND $25. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PLAZA THEATRE.

THE THIRD ANNUAL ELVIS BIRTHDAY PARTY, FEATURING JENNY LU AND MILLION DOLLAR BAND, WILL BE SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE PLAZA THEATRE. TICKETS ARE $12.

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

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMIE MCFARLIN
CITY CLERK