February 13, 2017

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 13th day of February, 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 - absent
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 Chasity Lowery opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 01-23-17

MOTION was made by Council Member Groce for the approval and adoption of the 01-23-17 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Lowery
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

Belinda Coulter of Taylor, Polson & Company, CPA’s presented the City of Glasgow’s annual audit report as of June 30, 2016. Coulter said the auditor’s report expressed a clean opinion on the financial statements of the City of Glasgow. Coulter stated they encountered no difficulties or disagreements with management in performing the audit. There were not significant issues and no adjustments were needed to be made to the financial statements. In their opinion, based upon their audit and the report of the other auditors for the entities that are included, the Plant Board and Water Company, that Taylor, Polson & Company does not audit themselves, these financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of a governmental activities. All in all, good clean opinions and good reports.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2894

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FEE PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE NO. 2809, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2883 (Sponsored by Council Members Groce and Lowery)

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

MOTION was made by Council Member Kirkpatrick for the second reading approval and adoption of the ordinance
SECOND was by Council Member Neal
VOTE Yes – 11 No – 0 AB - 0
Dickinson – yes Kirkpatrick – yes
Gaunce – yes Lowery – yes
Groce – yes Neal – yes
Harris – yes Norris – yes
Honeycutt – yes Oliver – yes

Witcher – yes
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GLASGOW MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE IX GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 90 ANIMALS, BY ADDING DEFINITION LANGUAGE TO SECTION 90.03, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION RELATING TO CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS IN HEAT

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 Groce

VOTE Yes – 9                  No – 2  AB - 0

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

After the vote, Council Member Witcher asked how this new section of confinement of animals would be enforced. Police Chief Guy Howie spoke explaining the enforcement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2346

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ENERGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PERFECTION GROUP, INC

A proposed resolution was presented and caused to be read

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

SECOND was by Council Member Norris

VOTE Yes – 11                  No – 0  AB - 0

COUNCIL MEMBER JAKE DICKINSON TO DISCUSS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THE POSSIBLE HIRING OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO PURSUE REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS OF THE GLASGOW ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD

Council Member Dickinson said he has two (2) motions he would like to make at the time. Number one, Council Member Dickinson moves, first motion is the City Council retain outside counsel to advise in pursuing the removal of board members of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board. Second motion is to retain the services of Danny Basil with a $5,000 retainer fee and a maximum expenditure of $20,000.

FIRST MOTION

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson to retain outside counsel to advise in pursuing the removal of members of the Glasgow Electric Plant Board

SECOND was by Council Member Witcher

VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

SECOND MOTION

MOTION to retain the service of Danny Basil with a $5,000 retainer fee and a maximum expenditure of $20,000

SECOND was by Council Member Witcher

VOTE Yes – 7                  No – 4  AB - 0

Dickinson – yes               Kirkpatrick – yes
Gaunce – no                  Lowery – no
Groce – no                   Neal – no
Harris – yes                 Norris – yes
Honeycutt – yes              Oliver – yes
                               Witcher – yes
Before the vote, Council Member Neal asked why we are hiring outside representation since we have a City Attorney. Council Member Dickinson said that he thinks, in this particular case, we would be better served by independent counsel. Council Member Lowery asked Council Member Dickinson if he had contacted the Kentucky League of Cities to see if they would be able to provide legal counsel for the City as they have in the past. Council Member Dickinson said he has not and he would prefer a local attorney. Council Member Lowery asked Mayor Doty if the fees for the services under the Kentucky League of Cities be covered through our membership. Mayor Doty answered saying they would not. Council Member Gaunce said he would like a better answer why we need outside counsel. Council Member Dickinson said, quite frankly, Mr. Basil’s heart would be in it better than the City Attorney. Council Member Gaunce stated again, he is asking the same question why Council Member Dickinson would say that. Council Member Dickinson said it is just a “gut feeling”. Council Member Gaunce and Council Member Dickinson made further comments regarding this subject. Mayor Doty told Council Member Gaunce this is a decision for this group to make. Council Member Oliver asked the City Attorney if he could call the questions.

MOTION was made by Council Member Oliver to call the questions
SECOND by Council Member Honeycutt

NO DISCUSSION

COUNCIL MEMBER GAUNCE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGES TO COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Council Members Oliver, Gaunce, Honeycutt and Harris made comments.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Mayor Doty said he would like to entertain a motion to suspend the rules for one item. It pertains to a job description for the Public Works Department.

MOTION was made by Council Member Dickinson to suspend the rules for one item.
SECOND was by Council Member Oliver

VOTE unanimous approval of the Council present

Mayor Doty discussed two (2) job descriptions. First description is for a Bus Driver and the second is for a Truck Driver-Laborer. Mayor Doty explained the difficulty in filling the part-time bus driver position. Mayor Doty stated the two positions are already budgeted and would like to dedicate one person to fill each job four (4) hours per day to carry out these duties.

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2017-734

MUNICIPAL ORDER CREATING COMBINED DESCRIPTION OF TRUCK DRIVER-LABORER AND BUS DRIVER

A proposed municipal order was presented and caused to be read

MOTION was made by Council Member Norris for the approval and adoption of the municipal order
SECOND was by Council Member Oliver

VOTE Yes – 11 No – 0 AB – 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS’ DAY.

BLACKBERRY SMOKE, LIKE AN ARROW TOUR, WITH THE STEEL WOODS WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE PLAZA THEATRE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 8:00 P.M. EACH NIGHT. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR $42 AND $35 EACH. CONTACT THE PLAZA THEATRE AT 270-361-2101 OR PLAZA.ORG FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Mayor Doty made notice that Council has in front of them the Two Weeks Notice on a board appointment that is for the EPB board position for Petie McLean. This will be on the next agenda for review.

Council Member Norris made the comment that some citizens shared concerns about parking spaces, this is an old issue, around the Square being taken by employees that work around the Square. Council Member Norris said he has discussed this with the Police Chief and he is working on something. Mayor Doty stated the Chief will be in front of the Public Safety Committee or the Council with a revised parking ordinance.

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

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JOHN GARRETT