March 12, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Glasgow, KY met in regular session on Monday, the 12th day of March, 2018 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 Freddie Norris opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
MEETING ON 02-26-18

MOTION was made by Council Member Witcher for the approval and adoption of the 02-26-18 Council Meeting minutes
SECOND was by Council Member Kirkpatrick
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

MAYOR DOTY ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO DAVID HOUCHENS & MASON WETHINGTON, NEW POLICE OFFICERS AT THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT.
CONSIDERATION OF THE 2016-2017 AUDIT REPORT

MOTION was made by Council Member Honeycutt to accept the audit report as presented
SECOND was by Council Member Oliver
VOTE unanimous approval of the Council

Comments were made by Council Member Honeycutt and Mayor Doty regarding the pension. Mayor Doty stated that even though in the past action has been taken to approve the annual audits, approval by the Legislative body is not required. Mayor Doty said it has been customary to vote on the audit, it is not required to do so. Council Member Norris made notice of the positive increase in the general fund

BILLY RAY, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GLASGOW ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD TO PRESENT RATE CHANGE REPORT

Mr. Ray stated all of the items that were requested to be done on the list from Advisory Council and the list from the attorney representing the Council, Mr. Danny Basil, have been done except for one item. Mr. Ray said that one item is to reduce the customer charge by $5. Ray stated their interpretation of a Kentucky law that applies to municipally-owned electric utilities is that if they enact a rate change, even if it is not an increase that is not attributable to a change in their wholesale cost, in other words it is not attributable to TVA, they are to report to the City. Ray stated there are two requirements. First, they deliver a written report at least 30 days before the rate change takes effect. Ray stated he did that because he put it in the Mayor’s hands at their board meeting on February 28. Ray stated he thought the Council Members would have it in front of them tonight but they do not.

Mr. Ray said they will have it real soon and it is only a one page letter that has two different tariffs. Ray said it is a sheet of paper that shows how you get charged for electricity. Mr. Ray said they have two residential rates and that is why there are two tariffs. Ray said that both of those reflect the requested $5 reduction in the customer charge, however, as he put in the letter in September to Mr. Basil, there is no way to do that without collecting that money somewhere else. Ray said they send out about 5,800 bills a month, so a $5 reduction would turn into a lot of money real fast that they don’t have. Ray stated the Board wrestled with who should find this $5 reduction. Ray said after a lot of discussion and a lot of interaction with TVA, the Board elected to collect this money from the residential class. Ray said this $5 reduction also has a corresponding small increase in the kilowatt hour charge to pay for the $5 reduction. Mr. Ray said if you are low usage, this is based on the average amount of energy you used in 2017. Ray stated for a residential customer that turns out to be about 950 kilowatt hours. Ray said if you use 950 kilowatt hours, after April 1, your cost for kilowatt hours is going to go up $5 and your customer charge will go down $5, so it is a net zero. Mr. Ray said if you use less, and this is one of the requests from the Advisory Council to come up with a way to deliver more of a benefit to low-usage customers, if you use less than average, you will get the whole $5 and you will not pay the $5 in. Ray said if you use more than average, you will pay more than you save on the customer charge. Ray said this is the deal that the Board approved. Ray said that TVA has
approved it and they are ready to implement it after he accomplishes this delivery tonight, which satisfying the second element of the law that there be a verbal presentation at least 10 days before the implementation of the rate change.

Mr. Ray stated that they are in CERS at the Glasgow Electric Plant Board and they are waiting to see how this is going to impact their costs. Ray said within 6 months he will be back to talk about a different rate change. Ray said they are going to have to implement the new wholesale rate that TVA is going to implement. Ray said they also are going to have to implement whatever it cost to satisfy the Commonwealth of Kentucky and CERS. Ray said we have been on this rate for three years, and addressing their fixed costs has not been addressed.

Council Member Oliver asked Mr. Ray if basically nothing has changed except if you use more electricity it will cost more and if you use the same amount as in 2017, it would be a “wash”. Ray answered by saying 950 is average and if you use less than average then you will get a net reduction. Ray stated that if you use more than average, you will have an increase, but everyone will get a $5 reduction in the customer charge. Council Member Oliver asked Mr. Ray what is the increase. Ray answered saying about ¼ of a cent per kilowatt hour. Ray stated that when the Council Members receive their paper copy, the details will be on it.

Council Member Harris asked Mr. Ray what are the other classes they have. Ray said there are two residential rates and now there are two commercial rates, a street lighting rate with one customer, which is the City.

ORDINANCE NO. __________

ORDINANCE ---- 1ST READING ---- AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING ALL PARKING FINES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2374

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF GLASGOW TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE
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

COUNCIL MEMBER GAUNCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERAPT PROGRAM

Council Member Gaunce said this is an opportunity after discussing his thought on employment opportunities in the area. Council Member Gaunce said he will be asking the City, not tonight, for $150,000. Council Member Gaunce also said he will be asking the County for $150,000, each school system for $50,000 in-kind match and there has been $200,000 that has been secured privately that will participate. Council Member Gaunce said this is all or none. Council Member Gaunce said that in his 53 years here, this is the only project he has seen that everyone needs each other. Council Member Gaunce said both school systems and both municipalities need to help each other and we don’t do that around here.

Mr. Ankur Gopal, founder and CEO of Interapt, said there is no shortage of intelligent people or opportunity. Gopal spoke of his company and why he has located in Kentucky and spoke of services and partnerships Interapt has. Gopal said there is tremendous demand and a shortage of supply. Mr. Gopal said he was approached by people in the Glasgow community about replicated the program here. Gopal said he has met with school kids, leaders and teachers and the raw material is here.

Mr. Gopal said this is an opportunity to develop skills for the 21st century workforce. Gopal said by 2020, there will be 2.2 million open tech jobs in the country.

Council Member Honeycutt stated the amount of funding requested has decreased. Council Member Honeycutt asked if this was only students or displaced workers and the amount being asked for, if it is a one-time funding, is it a continuous finding and how long the training would continue. Mr. Gopal said the initial funding is for one cohort to start with. Gopal said cost is less because it has been condensed but they did not reduce the quality of the program. Gopal said they feel they can do it with 50 people at the same price. Gopal said this is a one-time cost.

Council Member Harris asked Mr. Gopal where the jobs from previous cohorts are. Gopal said they are scattered out and his company gave 25 offers.
Council Member Gaunce said he believes Frankfort is going to push hard on this sector because there are so many kids and displaced workers leaving the Commonwealth. Council Member Gaunce said he is going to fight for these kids to give them a better opportunity than what he believes they have now. Mr. Gopal discussed some of his clients at the request of Council Member Gaunce. Mr. Gopal mentions they are one of the first apprenticeships in Kentucky if not the country. Gopal said they are a registered US Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program.

Mayor Doty asked if there was in action to come before the group at this time. Council Member Gaunce said at some point, in the next couple of weeks, they are going to have to say yes or no. Council Member Gaunce said the City will have to say it, the County is going to have to say it, the schools and the IDEA Board.

Council Member Norris said his feeling is that something this big and this important, they can wait a few days and consider it and ask more questions privately. Council Member Gaunce said he needs a timeline because Mr. Gopal will be out of the country.

Council Member Groce stated he knows the County, and County Judge Executive Michael Hale is in attendance, committed $30,000 to this.

Council Member Oliver stated he agrees with Council Member Norris that time is needed and this is not a time to say yes or no. Council Member Oliver said he believes they need time to think about it.

Council Member Norris asked about sending out an email to get a positive or negative in 7 days. Council Member Gaunce said that would be fine. Council Member Lowery asked if it would not be a violation of Open Meeting Act. City Attorney Rich Alexander said it would violate open meetings.

Council Member Hammer asked if they could have a special called meeting. City Attorney Rich Alexander said absolutely.

Mayor Doty asked how much time would be required for this groups to have discussions prior to making a decision. Council Member Gaunce said to progress to make the next step. Council Member Oliver asked Council Member Gaunce when he would have a contract. Mr. Gopal said agreed with Council Member Gaunce when he said the next couple of days. Council Member Oliver asked for it to be sent to each one and give them time to look at it and study it. Council Member Gaunce asked if he could do that. City Attorney Rich Alexander stated you can share information, there just can be any deliberations over the emails. Council Member Gaunce said he would get it out to everyone by Wednesday.

Council Member Oliver asked Council Member Gaunce if he has a commitment from anyone. Council Member Gaunce said IDEA voted to proceed forward to the next step, but they have not agreed to commit to anything. Council Member Oliver said he thinks they are at the same place but they are not ready to commit.
Barren County Judge-Executive Micheal Hale told the Mayor and Council that the County did agree to put $30,000 toward this and will go toward this program. Council Member Dickinson asked Council Member Gaunce how much he is asking from the County. Council Member Gaunce said he feels like it should be $150,000. Council Member Oliver asked Judge-Executive Hale is $150,000 is what he is going to ask the Magistrates for. Judge-Executive Hale said they are starting budgets this week and at this time he can’t answer that and can’t promise that, but it is a goal to work toward. Judge-Executive Hale said they believe in this program, but it comes down to dollars and cents.

City Attorney Rich Alexander asked Mr. Gopal if his company wants a commitment from the Legislative body conceptually based on upon by full participation, not only by the private sector, but schools systems, both governing bodies. City Attorney Rich Alexander asked if all of this comes together, then everyone would be in a position to formalize the agreement. Mr. Gopal said that is correct. Mr. Gopal said if the decision is done by March 25, they would be ready to start April 1. City Attorney Rich Alexander asked if the Legislative body has some time to consider it, would Gopal’s company be satisfied if the Legislative body expressed in intent to move forward should all of the other pieces fall into place. Mr. Gopal said yes and he would be ok committing to that.

Council Member Lowery asked Mr. Gopal about the April 1 start date. Council Member Lowery asked how that impacts the roll for students in the program. Mr. Gopal said the classes would be in sync with the school year. Council Member Lowery asked with two school districts being involved, how the application process is done. Council Member Lowery asked if half was from each school district. Gopal said this is flexible.

Mayor Doty said with Mr. Gaunce having the email out by Thursday, he will propose a meeting on March 19 or March 20 to allow enough time to review and for any questions. Mayor Doty stated there will be a Special Called Meeting on March 19 at 5:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FREE SHREDDER DAY AND MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 17 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON AT SOUTHGATE PLAZA SHREDDING IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR CONFIDENTIAL AND/OR RECYCLABLE PAPER. THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON-SITE TO TAKE MEDICATIONS. MEDICATIONS CAN ALWAYS BE TURNED IN TO THE GLASGOW POLICE DEPARTMENT OR THE BARREN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.

GLASGOW-BARREN COUNTY CLEANUP WEEK WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH AND GO THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD. THIS WEEK WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITY RESIDENTS TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE, ATTIC OR AROUND THE HOUSE. CITY RESIDENT MAY PLACE EXTRA BAGGED TRASH AND LARGE ITEMS AT THE CURBSIDE ON THEIR REGULAR COLLECTION DAY. FOR A

CONFEDERATE RAILROAD WITH SPECIAL GUESTS BULL ROOSTER, PRESENTED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GLASGOW, WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE PLAZA THEATRE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 8:00 P.M. TICKETS WENT ON SALE FEBRUARY 23RD AND ARE $25 EACH. TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CONTACT THE PLAZA THEATRE BOX OFFICE AT 270-361-2101 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT HISTORICPLAZA.COM.

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

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DICK DOTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JAMIE MCFARLIN
CITY CLERK