

## **Congratulations to the City of Glasgow - now a Certified City of Ethics!**



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GLASGOW! A Certified City of Ethics.**



*Pictured are Michael Rice, Ethics Board Secretary, Jake Dickinson, Council Member, James Neal, Council Member, Stacy Hammer, Council Member, Brad Groce, Council Member, Mayor Dick Doty, City of Glasgow, Joe Trigg, Council Member, Rossie Kingery, Ethics Board Member, Benny Dickinson, Ethics Board Chair, Dr. Karalee Oldenkamp, Council Member, Chasity Lowery, Council Member, Freddie Norris, Council Member, Tommie Birge, City Clerk/Ethics Administrator and Marlin Witcher, Council Member*

### **The City of Glasgow recently received the “Certified City of Ethics” designation.**

*“I am very pleased at our Ethics Board and Council’s desire to pursue this certification. Tommie Birge, our City Clerk has been instrumental in educating us as to the benefits of this program and organizing tonight’s training. This heightens everyone’s awareness of the potential and perceived conflicts that might not otherwise be recognized”, said Mayor Dick Doty.*

The voluntary program, developed by the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), encourages cities to adopt and adhere to a set of key ethical principles and a comprehensive model ethics ordinance. The ordinance guides conduct of city officials and their employees in areas such as financial disclosures, conflicts of interests and outside employment. The ordinance also contains strong penalty provisions – including public reprimands, fines and removal - for city officials and employees who violate the ordinance.

The certification process also includes specific training which city officials and employees completed February 11, 2016.

*“I appreciated the third party suggestions”, stated City Council Member Chasity Lowery. “It’s always helpful to have an experienced outside party make suggestions on issues that are so critical to maintaining a work environment free of issues that may be counterproductive to the good of our community”.*

KLC reviewed the code of ethics ordinance to determine if they comply with the criteria set out in KRS 65.003. The city received a plaque and is now authorized by KLC to use a "Certified City of Ethics" logo on stationery, road signs, city vehicles and other uses.

Based in Lexington, KLC is a voluntary, nonprofit membership association that provides legislative advocacy, legal services, consulting services, and training to more than 360 member cities. KLC also provides insurance and financial services to municipal agencies throughout Kentucky.

For more information on the Certified City of Ethics designation, contact KLC at 800.876.4552.