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As the new mayor of Glasgow I want to let you know just a bit about myself and then the city. This may sound narcissistic but I want to simply tell you that I was raised here, left to attend college and begin my career. After several years away, I was given the opportunity to come back to this community at my own choosing. I jumped at the opportunity and have not regretted it the first time.

Following are a few of the reasons I found that move so appealing:

This community is one of character and opportunity. For over two hundred years residents here have enjoyed peaceful rural living among some of the finest farmland in the southeast. In recent years our community's infrastructure upgrades have placed us at the forefront in our region making us attractive to outside investors and those looking for a place to call home.

To list of few of those systems: our water supply is drawn from the nearby Barren river and beautiful barren river Lake. Water is supplied to over 16,000 customers – both residential and commercial as well as on the wholesale market. The 2.8 billion gallons of water that are distributed are of the highest quality. Glasgow Water Company water consistently exceeds goals set by the Kentucky Division of Water – and these goals are 3 times more strict than federal guidelines.

The GWC also received the highest award for given by the Kentucky Rural Water Association, the Wooden Bucket Award, for providing high levels of customer service and high quality drinking water and wastewater services to the community. Currently the water company has over \$11 million dollars of improvements underway, thus insuring continuous improvement and quality water for years to come.

The Glasgow Electric Plant Board has updated its infrastructure to provide two points of delivery of electricity to Glasgow. This upgrade has taken years to complete and insures virtually uninterrupted service to all of its customers.



The Glasgow EPB owns its own broadband network and cable television services. This unique situation allows them to provide citizens low cost television service as well as high speed internet service. By us owning these services, we will again save consumers over \$2.5 million dollars when comparing our rates to those in neighboring communities that do not own that infrastructure.

Currently the EPB is working diligently with homeowners to upgrade their homes to allow for real time energy conservation thru remote automated temperature control of their homes systems. This will allow the homeowner and/or the utility to reduce the homes energy requirement during PEAK ENERGY DEMAND times. This will prove quite beneficial to homeowners as the industry moves towards premium pricing for peak demand power usage.

Besides having an award winning water supply, redundant electrical grid, amazing internet abilities, Glasgow's roads and highways have also been updated in recent years to include a new outer loop which circles the city allowing traffic to quickly and easily move around town.

In 2014 the city of Glasgow received an improved Fire Protection Services rating from the ISO. The overall city rating was improved to a Class 2 which placed Glasgow in the top one percentile in the nation. Currently plans are underway to construct a third fire station in town which will only improve on this outstanding life safety service.

The Glasgow regional landfill has also been in the headlines this last year as they began a methane recovery project that will collect methane that occurs naturally, and will use that gas to generate electricity that will be sold back to the grid. As the landfill grows so grows the ability to generate additional electricity. Current estimates predict that 400 to 500 homes could potentially be powered by this process.

Economic Development and job growth appears to be on the "uptick". Local industries are adding jobs to their roles and the economic development authority (IDEA) is currently building a "Spec" building in the local industrial park. This strategy allows a company interested in locating here an approximate 6 month head start on production by having a facility ready to move into.

Another strategy underway is what is known as the "Build Ready Site" program. This program will construct the building pad for a client and allow them to have permits in place and utilities to the site prior to purchase. This will be only the 4th such program in the state thereby positioning Glasgow high on the list of candidates the state can offer to clients.

Glasgow is not only appealing to businesses but is flush with quality of life amenities as well. We have a public park system that is winning awards of its own. The recreation department was just awarded “Outstanding Department Class 2” by the Kentucky Recreation & Parks Society and only 2 such awards are given each year. Our Public Parks Director, Eddie Furlong was also named “Professional of The Year” by the same agency.

Just off the downtown square you will find a landmark – the Plaza Theater -that is not only treasured by those that were raised here, but by nearly all who have attended an event there. This historic stage first opened in 1934 and has seen the likes of Roy Rogers and classic movies but more recently hosts artists like Wynona Judd, Travis Tritt and Black Stone Cherry. Artists are quite complementary of the acoustics and trappings of the theater that was renovated in 2001.

The local YMCA provides all the activities a rambunctious 4 year old could dream of while also challenging the most dedicated athlete with classes AND state of the art equipment.

T.J. Samson Hospital just completed a \$30 plus million dollar Doctors Park that provides the latest in treatment and diagnostic services available anywhere in this immediate area. I hope this has given you just a bit of insight into why I chose to return to Glasgow and I hope it will pique your interest enough to get you to visit our fair city.