December 2, 2025

The council of the City of Glasco met in regular session Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:00pm at city hall.

Mayor Carl Shrontz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call:

- Present Councilmembers: Dexter Eck, Cheri Jacobson, Alice Dietz, Dan Darnall
- Absent Councilmembers: Haley Davidson
- Presiding: Carl Shrontz
- Present also: City Clerk Heather Bowles & Public Works Director Kevin Peterson

Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Approval for November 2025 regular council meeting minutes
- Motion to approve by Cheri Jacobson, Alice Dietz 2nd, all in favor

Appropriations:

- Review and approval of November appropriations
- Approval motioned by Alice Dietz, Dexter Eck 2nd, all others in favor

Public Comments, petitions, requests, suggestions, etc.

- Doug Berndt – Mitchell Co. Rural Water in Beloit Water Project 16" new water line 9 miles of the pipe has been installed to just outside of the airport. The plant is ready to be hooked up to the damn.
    - Council agreed to have Mr. Berndt our RWD representative for 2026
- Marcia Samples – says she spoke with the Corner Store about adding a hitching post and the board said no, due to the store not having much room in the back area and being on the corner in the right-of-way. She then spoke with Judy Wells at The Hodge Podge which has agreed to allowing the installation of a hitching post/rack for the horses of the Amish community. She will call 811 to confirm placement. She offers to donate her labor for this project if the city can offer a few supplies, stating the install might have to wait until spring. Supplies needed:
    - 4"x4" - 7' in length sign posts for cross bar
    - 4"x6" preferably 6"x6" for end post
    - 1-1/2 "x 1/8" strap metal for tie downs

Ordinance Control Report – Terry Lambert:

- Not Present

Public Works Director Report – Kevin Peterson:

- New electrical line on Buffalo Street – 3 lines very bad condition -replaced with triplex
- Gret Metz – exercised water valves and test meter on the well – all passed inspection
- KDHE Division of Water conducted their audit this year. Requested a revised Water Emergency Plan
- Suggested updating our Rural Water Well house.
    - Clean rust and paint pipes
    - Check and ball valve and pressure check – replacing gaskets
        - Requesting to purchase a generator to run back up well – the one currently used was manufactured in 75 or 80 and runs, but states a new generator is needed and would need to run 3-phase.
            - Dexter Eck requested a maintenance record be kept once the new generator is purchased
            - Alice Dietz asked about purchasing a stationary Generac generator like we have at the lift station.
            - Mr. Peterson stated space is limited in the area and might not fit, but would do some looking
- Kansas has new PFAS testing is now required 4 times a year
- Trimmed trees off power lines on edge of town
- Water mats and mulch placed around trees at Idle Awhile – the mats will save time watering as they will absorb moisture
- Snow plow has been attached to skid steer and ready to go
- Chip seal on Main and Haynes as these are our worst streets
    - Dan Darnall suggested turning Haynes to gravel road and Mayor Carl Shrontz said the county could help spread if this is decided.
    - Carl Shrontz also stated that he would discuss with his supervisor about the city borrowing equipment for chip spreading – will need 2 people on chip sprayer and one in truck. Ask Ben Williamson if he could help when time comes.
- Pool motor will be installed in the spring for warranty purposes
- Need new outdoor lights at the fire station – all of them are bad.
    - KJ Electric can replace all for $1100.00.
        - Council approved quote from KJ Electric
- Would like to establish a Truck Route and purchase signs to show route
    - Council approves
    - Would like the clerk to get a truck route ordinance drafted to discuss at January's meeting

Mayor Report – Carl Shrontz:

- 2026 Council Election Results
  - Dennis McAllister and Brenda McDuffee have been elected new council members
  - Neighborhood Revitalization Program will be presented by commissioner at our January council meeting
- KPP Voting Delegate Designation – Council selected Carl Shrontz with Haley Davidson being named as alternate.
- Water Emergency Plan Review per K.D.H.E yearly requirements
  - Council approved 2025 Water Emergency Plan
  - Clerk will send to K.D.H.E.
- End of Year meeting schedule
  - Year End meeting set for December 30th at 6pm
- OCCK Bus Route stops starting December 1st – Stop is located in front of City Hall where copies of the schedule are available.

Discussions:

- Ideas from City Crew for 2026
  - Gift of Light Utility Assistance Program
    - Dan Darnall suggested adding a donation block to the website where donors can pay with credit card if so desired.
    - Motion to approve Resolution 129-2025 “Establishing the ‘Gift Of Light Utility Fund’” by Alice Dietz, Dexter Eck second, all others approve
  - Stump grinder rental or purchase – could be used for the cemetery, park and use around town either for the skid steer or the hand push style
    - Council asked Kevin to check on stump grinder pricing
  - 4’ bucket for backhoe to clean ditches
    - Get pricing from Murphy Tractors to present to council in January
  - Purchase Hydraulic Post Tamper for bucket truck
    - Council requested pricing before approving purchase

New Business

- Emergency Plan Development with Cloud County discussion. City would like to:
  - Purchase 4 walkie talkies for each city member to alert each other in case of emergency
  - Everyone should come to City Hall - Lock city hall and office
  - Big window in office – purchase a blind to cover clerk’s window
  - Work with dispatch on ideas
  - Requested Clerk get in touch with Emergency Management for State of Kansas and to contact Makenna Haas and Sheriff Davis

Unfinished Business:

- 2026 Budget Correction & schedule re-approval meeting
    - Budget meeting will be held prior to end of year meeting on December 30th at 6pm. Clerk to publish correct budget in Blade-Empire

Council Comments or Concerns:

- Dan Darnall – Requested the clerk send owner of 107 E. Main St. information Demo to Dirt
- Alice Dietz asked about an Ordinance for fire safety regulations – Clerk look into for next meeting
- Cheri Jacobson – Follow up on getting alleyways cleared for city crew and tree crew.
    - Kevin Peterson said the bucket truck can get through all alleys at this time.
- Dan Darnall – Would like to add a 5-minute maximum stipulation to public comment
    - Council agrees – clerk will add to next month's agenda

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the regular session at 7:54pm by Alice Dietz, second by Dan Darnall, all others in favor with a 5-minute break then move to Executive Session.

Executive Session – 15 minutes

- Personnel – Yearly Evaluations – Council made the decision to give each full-time employee a $1/hour raise and part time summer help $.50/hour raise for 2026.
    - Motioned by Alice Dietz, Cheri Jacobson second, all others in favor

Executive Session Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn executive session at 8:11pm by Cheri Jacobson, 2nd by Alice Dietz, all in favor.

Executive Session Adjourned