



## **FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

The council of the City of Glasco met in regular session Tuesday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00pm at city hall.

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call:

- Present Councilmembers: Dexter Eck, Cheri Jacobson, Dennis McAlister, Brenda McDuffee
- Absent Councilmembers: Haley Davidson
- Presiding: Carl Shrontz
- Present also: City Clerk Heather Bowles & Public Works Director Kevin Peterson

### Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Approval for January 2026 regular council meeting minutes
- Motion to approve by Cheri Jacobson, Dexter Eck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all others in favor

### Appropriations:

- Review and approval of January 2026 appropriations
- Approval motioned by Dexter Eck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda McDuffee, all others in favor

### Public Comments, petitions, requests, suggestions, etc.

- Melissa Bonneau – Discussed City Ordinance 701-2024
  - Mayor Shrontz will take her complaint into consideration and adjust the way nuisance abatements are handled in the future
- Rachel Moore – Glasco Library Librarian and Director – discuss 2026 Library Budget & Mill Levy
  - State of KS yearly report and CKLS reports were due – Ms. Moore discovered the budget does not allow for state or CKLS funding.
  - Funding comes from State of KS and then CKLS funding is honored – CKLS funds covers library courier and library share – money towards summer program – continued education – wages funds – insurance – and many other items throughout the year.
  - If mill levy less than the previous year this will disqualifies from any state or CKLS funding for the library
  - Best option to correct – current county taxes \$7,297 for library in 2026 from taxes collected \$9,594.65 – proposed amount needs to be same or more than what was received the previous year.



- Requested our council increase the city budget to \$9,594.65 or more.
- Cheri Jacobson moves to adjust the budget to \$9600 for the library fund
- Clerk will publish in February 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Blade-Empire – meeting needs to be scheduled 10 days after publication
  - Budget meeting Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30pm
- Guest - Nick McDuffee – Glasco Rural Water Fire Chief – collaborate with council on ways to utilize Mitchell Co. rural water during responses.
  - House fire on January 24<sup>th</sup> ran into issues with water availability
  - Mr. McDuffee thinks the fire hydrants were not pumping as quickly as they should
  - Mr. Peterson stated the city only produces 44-47 pounds of pressure
  - Mr. McDuffee asked about the Mitchell county RWD 3 water drop
  - Mr. Peterson and Mr. Shrontz stated they will get in touch with Mitchell County RWD to ask about adding a hydrant on the city side and what their flow rate is (gallons/minute)
  - Mr. Peterson stated the South Well is not operational at this time
    - Will check with KDHE for permission to use; pending testing
    - Next rural water meeting Wednesday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 – corner of 14 & 24 on south side – Mr. Shrontz and Doug Berndt will attend to represent the City of Glasco
- Guest - Jason Rourke – Glasco Volunteer Fire Chief – Discuss Kansas Firefighter Relief Act
  - Still working on gathering information on whether the City participates
  - Fire trucks will need to be inspected by mechanic yearly
    - Need to add funds to yearly budget for inspections
  - New electronic fire reporting system – new grant applications will refer to fire logs
  - Asked if he could plan a dinner for responders for January 24<sup>th</sup> fire or something to show our gratitude for efforts – Delphos, Simpson, Asherville, Glasco Rural Fire Dept & Glasco fire, Mitchell County Rural Fire
    - Council suggests having it on a Friday at the G.O.A.T.
    - Motion to support supper and council help by Brenda McDuffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheri Jacobson – all others in favor

#### Ordinance Control Report – Terry Lambert:

- Offered nuisance report since last meeting
  - No concerns from council at this time

#### Public Works Director Report – Kevin Peterson:

- Discussed Fire situation from January 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Stated his responsibility is all residents in this town and was concerned about the water tower losing too much pressure and could cause issues with the tower distribution.
- The fire on the 24<sup>th</sup> burnt the electric meter on the house, which blew fuse in in the transformer, transformer was put back into service after discovery
  - New meter for garage has been installed at 107 W. First St. where fire took place



- The solenoid froze on dump truck – working on getting it replaced
- Johnson Service Company was successful in cleaning sewer line – suggested we line the cleaned lines – quote \$15,300 to line sewer that has a lot of damage
  - Requested a second quote from local contractor – quote was \$117,950 for same 300' section with 8" sewer line
  - No decision made
- New stump grinder is working great – will continue to clean up stumps when time permits
- 4 trees from corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Railroad Ave have been removed – 2 more remaining – clean up when weather is nicer
- Lawn mower bids –
  - Rebel \$11,000 with a \$5,000 trade in
  - Minneapolis Super Z - \$8,975 - \$5,000 trade in plus \$3,000 discount for municipality
    - Council decided to table until March meeting to make decision
    - Council stated Keith Williamson will remain employed as summer help for 2026

#### Mayor Report – Carl Shrontz:

- Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Public Hearing
  - Motion to interlocal agreement for Cloud County by Cheri Jacobson, Dexter Eck 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favor
  - Motion to accept Ordinance 711-2026 – Adopting the “Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Cloud County, Kansas, 2026” by Cheri Jacobson, Dexter Eck 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favor
- Council President Nomination
  - Dexter Eck nominates Cheri Jacobson for 2026 Council President, Dennis McAlister 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor
- Committee Designation
  - Parks & Pool – Cheri Jacobson & Haley Davidson
  - Financial – Haley Davidson & Dennis McAlister
  - Cemetery & Gas Station – Dexter Eck & Brenda McDuffee
  - Streets – Dexter Eck & Cheri Jacobson
  - Fire Department – Brenda McDuffee & Dennis McAlister
- Glasco Municipal Pool hiring lifeguards for Summer 2026 – Certification/Recertification in Beloit in March. Amy Cool, Cathy Rice & Emma Rice are the only returning employees from 2025. Applications can be picked up at City Hall. Minimum age 15.

#### Discussions:

- Clerk would like to attend the City Clerk & Municipal Finance Officers Association (CCMFOA) Spring Conference again this year – Conference runs March 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> in Manhattan.
  - Council approves attendance



- Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) Webinar February 26th – Cost to attend webinar is \$75. All participants receive the Kansas Open Meetings Act Manual (a \$60 value) as part of this course's materials. Class will run 10am – 11:30am – City Clerk & Carl Shrontz will be in attendance as there are many changes to KOMA in the last year.
- Discontinuation of minting pennies in 2026 – Notice from Caselle in folder – they will not be making any changes for rounding this year.

#### New Business:

- WAPA – (Western Area Power Administration) Contract Amendment & Revision to the FES Contract + Exhibit E for the City of Glasco –
  - What can the credits be used for?
  - Table signing until next meeting

#### Unfinished Business:

- Review Lawn Mower Quotes – request from January 3, 2026 council meeting – discussed in Public Works Report by Kevin Peterson
- Review 4' bucket for backhoe Quote – tabled in January 3, 2026 council meeting
  - Tabled again until March meeting
- Fire Truck Update - Makenna Haas – Cloud County Emergency Director will be assisting the Clerk by writing the narrative for a grant request to Dane G. Hansen for our new fire truck apparatus. City Clerk will submit grant for fire apparatus.
- Fundraiser ideas –
  - Raffel – Dexter will donate new firearm
  - Pit BBQ with games
  - Apply for grant from the 2026 Wind Farm Funds
  - Total Costs remaining for production of firebody box by Winkel Mfg. Co & Wildland Skid Fire Apparatus by Watts Manufacturing LLC is \$46,753 - \$20,000 2025 Wind Farm Grant - \$26,753.00 still needed for completion

#### Council Comments or Concerns:

- Brenda McDuffee asked about the downed tree next close to her property.

#### Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:44 – Dexter Eck, second by Cheri Jacobson all in favor

#### Executive Session: 10-minute session – Personnel

- Discussed revising Handbook

#### Executive Session Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:56pm by Cheri Jacobson, Brenda McDuffee second, all others in favor