



February 4, 2025

The council of the City of Glasco met in regular session Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the city hall.

Mayor Carl Shrontz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Present: Councilmembers Alice Dietz, Cheri Jacobson, Haley Davidson, Dexter Eck, Dan Darnall
- Presiding: Mayor Carl Shrontz
- Present also: City Clerk Heather Bowles

Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Approval for January 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve January minutes by Dan Darnall, 2nd Haley Davidson, all approved.

Appropriations:

- Motion to approve January appropriations motioned by Dexter Eck, Haley Davidson seconded the motion, all approved.

Public Comments, petitions, requests, complaints, etc.

- Bill Wells – No update on sign quotes to advertise for Glasco businesses.
 - Cemetery waiting on the final 9 flag poles. Once installed all flag poles will have been replaced.
 - VFW will be starting a new project February 5th with replacing ceiling at the VFW.
 - The VFW has 4 tables they will be donating to the park for fun day, etc.
- Ron Coppel - Cloud County Commissioner -
 - Windfarm funds grants are due March 30th.
 - Contact Shella for extension if needed.
 - Tax sale on housing with delinquent taxes will be held February 19th at 1:00 at the Cloud County Courthouse.
 - All planning on bidding need to register for the auction with the Cloud County Treasurer's Office, 811 Washington St. Suite K, Concordia, no later than 4pm on February 18th.
 - Dan Darnall asked Mr. Coppel about calling in controlled burns with the county. Is this necessary?
 - Mr. Coppel responded - Persons interested in controlled burns will need to call the Cloud County Sheriff's Department dispatch in Concordia and confirm whether the conditions are good for burning. The sheriff's department will then approve or deny the request.
- Cloud County Sheriff Ken Davis was in attendance and asked if the city needed anything or if there were any concerns he needed to know about.
 - Council told Sheriff Davis that there were no concerns at this time.

Ordinance Control Report – Kirk Barr

- 508 E 2nd – 10-day abatement notice given for yard clean up



- 110 N. Fisher – home owner for trash

Abatement notice being sent to left by previous renter.

- 302 W. Main – inoperable vehicle will be getting a citation

Public Works Director Report – Kevin Peterson

- Repaired water main break on Second Street at Cramer property – had a difficult time finding the leak therefore the hole dug is much larger than expected.
- 3-phase Generator is ready to go in case a well needs electricity in the event of a power outage
- Pool paint can be purchased for \$102/gallon from Swimtime with a savings of \$80/gallon from previous years purchases.
- Problem down at the recycle center – there is a resident that has been getting into office paper disposal bin and leaving with it said papers. To prevent anyone from taking office papers a lid has been attached with a small opening for patrons to recycle.
- Installed new water meter in Halfhide building – found the leak was from a ball valve in the building next to it. Ball valve has been turned off and 3M Taxidermy will be good to go when they are ready to have the water utility connected.
- PTO on the dump truck is repaired, but still a high-pitched squeal. Mechanic will come and repair before he invoices the city and stated all functions will operate with the PTO if needed, it will just be a little noisy until final repairs.
- Repaired cover on the leaf catchment bag for the lawn mower.

Mayor Report – Carl Shrontz:

- Resolution 125-2025 – Removing Treasury position completed. Only the mayor and clerk signatures are now required on all checks moving forward.
- CD Renewal - Interest has continued to decrease – best rate is 4% for 7-month CD – Cemetery CD is up for renewal on February 6th.
 - Council approved to proceed with 7-month CD
- Office lights in the clerk's office have been installed by KJ Electric
- Recycle Center – reminder for all participating in the recycling program here in Glasco to shred any sensitive documents prior to disposal at the recycling center. The recycling center is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week and unattended. Please be cautious of what is disposed in the 'office paper' bin. It is suggested to shred any documents that may contain sensitive information. Shredded paper is accepted and has a separate bin.
- Sewer project Bank Account - Now the sewer project is complete and all payments have been made to vendors the city has been given the green light to close the bank account that was established for the grant funding and payments. Approval to close account needs to be noted in the minutes for Citizens State Bank.
 - Motion to approve the closing of the sewer project bank account by Alice Dietz, 2nd by Dexter Eck, all in favor.

Discussions:

- The clerk would like to send out a letter to all residents to update system records. A draft copy of the letter has been provided to council for review.
 - Council approves letter and will be sent with February's utility statements.



- Does the city want to replace the 2008 Ford F150 which does not have reverse and the motor needs to be replaced due to a damaged cam shaft?
 - Cheri Jacobson suggested purchasing a Meyers snow plow to add to Kevin's truck as it is 4-wheel drive and has the capacity to run the plow.
 - If a decision is made to purchase a new truck the city should look into purchasing a one from another city or county as they will have all of their maintenance records on file.
 - Council tabled for next month
- Pool Start up schedule - Swimming Pool is in need of having the skimmer leak repaired.
 - Kevin Peterson asked do we want to fix the skimmer leak prior to open season?
 - Kevin also stated he will contact Greg Metz to see if he can find the leak after the pool is painted and filled prior to opening in May.
 - Decision was made to wait until Fall after the 2025 swim season in the event a large piece of cement needs to be removed to repair skimmer. This allows time from September to Winter for the repair.

New Business:

- The domain name of glascokansas.org is up for renewal through MetaPros Website Solutions. The Glasco Community Foundation usually pays the yearly fee of \$15. Would the city be willing to pay this year's domain name renewal for the use of the website for city minutes?
 - Council approved to pay renewal fee
- 2025 Committee Appointments:
 - Fire Department – Dan Darnall & Alice Dietz
 - Cemetery & Gas Station– Dan Darnall & Alice Dietz
 - Streets – Dexter Eck & Cheri Jacobson
 - Park – Cheri Jacobson & Haley Davidson
 - Financial – Alice Dietz & Haley Davidson

Unfinished Business:

- Sewer maintenance fee for all properties – carried over from December 2024 – example of ordinance from of the City of Severy offered as example
 - Approval to proceed – requested clerk to draw up a new Ordinance to present to council for approval in March.
- Sanitation Service with Hale Refuse – new contract will be drafted for March meeting for review.
- Snow removal policy update or approval – carried over from January meeting
 - School bus uses Buffalo Street – Kevin stated he would make sure Buffalo is cleared for the bus
- Jean Darnall memorial suggestions – the Darnall family would like the city to use the memorial funds towards the gazebo roof replacement,
 - The city will have a plaque made and dedicate the gazebo to Jean.
- Travel Center clean up – quote pending from Devore out of Beloit for removal of vehicles, trailers and other items. Devore was the only local contact interested in offering a quote. Also, pending information from the county on vehicle titles and how to proceed.



The bus on the property
the owner, Colton
he did a VIN check on it last week.

is in progress of being sold by
Hoppe. Deputy Kirk Barr stated

- Would the city like to have an auction prior to clean up? This would reduce the cost of cleanup for the city and prevent the salvage and towing company from having to move vehicles/trailers and storage fees.
 - Council voted no to an auction.

Council concerns and comments:

- Cheri Jacobson suggests putting out a bid offer for summer mowing – to include the park & empty lots instead of hiring a part time employee. Requested the clerk publish an ad for bids in official city paper.
 - Council agreed
- Cheri Jacobson also stated she was still working on a grant application for online ordinance organization. Would like to request \$5,000. The city would be responsible for \$1000 maintenance fee the first year after publishing online.
 - Council agreed for her to proceed.
- Dan Darnall suggests requesting another grant from the Windfarm funds.

Adjourn Regular Session:

Alice Dietz motioned to adjourn, Cheri Jacobson 2nd, all in favor.

Regular Session Adjourned at 7:48p.m.