



**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024,**

Glasco City Council met in regular session Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Lucas Nease called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

- Council members answering roll call were Alice Dietz, Dan Darnall, Cheri Jacobson, Carl Schrontz, and Haley Davidson.

Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Alice Dietz made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, seconded by Carl Schrontz, motion carried.

Approve Appropriations:

- Pending – separate meeting to be set at later date.

Ordinance Control Report:

- Kirk Barr present to give update. Maintenance of grass length in yards will begin enforcement this week. Updated on improvement of Pounds and Atkins properties. Goppert and Hoppe properties pending, Barr will check on both.
- Photos of ordinance violations will begin occurring to document for court purposes.
- No concerns from council.

Public Comments:

- Laurie Johnson presents a list of 28 properties that need to be mowed to be given to ordinance control.
  - Council took a copy of the list.
- Laurie Johnson states that trash services did not pick up a bag of cat litter and cat food cans placed on the curb of 502 S Birch on 4/5/24. Laurie stated she moved the same trash bag onto the street on 4/12/24, where she was questioned about content inside trash bag and told that cat litter was soon to be ineligible for trash pick up and would need taken to compost pile. Trash was picked up on 4/12/24.
  - Council states no current plan for cat litter to go to compost pile.
- Amy Cool present to inquire about getting a key to the pool for cleaning purposes prior to the pool season beginning.
  - Lucas Nease states he will get a key.

Mayor's Report:

- City Clerk interviews were held Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Will discuss in detail in executive session.
- Awarded \$20k grant for new fire truck.
  - 1 year to use money.
  - Continue to look for additional grant funding.
- Inquired about term lengths: 4-year terms.
  - Lucas, Alice, and Dan's seats will be up for reelection next year.



### **Old Business:**

#### **Electronic Sign:**

- Cheri Jacobson reports company out of Salina gave bid of \$74k with the lowest option of \$54k. Cheri states an idea could be a buy in for advertisement to assist covering the cost.

#### **Ordinance Online:**

- Cheri Jacobson has a call set up for 5/21/24 to discuss any questions and/or concerns with the company.

#### **City Owned Buildings - Contracts:**

- Nick and Sarah McDuffee would like the contract complete by end of this month to proceed.
  - Council agrees to move forward with drawing up contract.
- Kevin Williamson present to express concerns with line item #9.
  - Council went over concerns with appearance and would like to see improvements made to exterior of property. Kevin states the inside is almost completely cleaned out and just starting window replacement process. Kevin states he will begin working on painting exterior and yard maintenance.
    - Councils agrees to move forward with drawing up contract.

### **Discussion items:**

#### **Joan From Maguire Iron - Water Tower Discussion:**

- Reviewed inspection reports involving safety conditions, sanitary conditions, structural conditions, and security conditions.
  - Maguire Iron's findings: "Glasco" on exterior is flaking, legs flaking, pitting starting to occur, screen on overflow needs adjusted to inside the pipe, need to look into a fail-safe vent.
  - The water tower to be cleaned this year; done every two years.
  - Estimated costs:
    - Exterior paint: \$60k
    - Interior paint: \$60k
      - The above two figures do not include blasting or containment.
    - Exterior paint, interior paint, blasting, containment, and vent: \$325k
      - Installment payments can be arranged for up to 10 years.
- Mayor Lucas Nease voiced water and sewer loans need paid off still and would not like to accrue any additional costs to citizens.
- Council requested Maguire Iron to compile figures and send over. Discussion tabled.

#### **Appoint new member to Library Board: Jen Liby replacing Kevin Peterson:**

- Cheri Jacobson made motion to approve Jen Liby replacing Kevin Peterson on the library board, seconded by Haley Davidson, motion carried.

#### **Fire Department Meeting Room Usage:**

- Mike Brayton inquired about utilizing for a class reunion over Memorial Day Weekend. Council had no concerns.
- Council stated a purpose of the room was in hopes to have community utilize so long as the parties clean up after themselves.



#### Fire Truck Grant:

- See Mayor's Report above for more information.
- Lucas Nease presented quotes for fire truck.
- Lucas Nease will start the process with USDA, hoping to get a representative to next month's council meeting.
- Goal is to have fire truck by end of this year.

#### Abatement of Nuisances with City Employees:

- Current City Judge and City Attorney proposed what their residing towns do regarding nuisances to Mayor Lucas Nease:
  - If citizens found guilty, the city will clean property (can include renting equipment) with all costs due from the guilty citizen.
- Dan Darnall made motion to approve abatement of nuisances, with costs due from guilty party, and law enforcement present; seconded by Alice Dietz, motion carried.

#### Pickleball Palooza:

- Haley Davidson presented the following monetary requests:
  - Advertisement – 1 month: \$1k
  - Bill DeMars: \$100
  - City of Glasco: paint
- Dan Darnall made a motion to approve 2 weeks of advertising, not to exceed \$500, and City of Glasco to furnish the paint; seconded by Alice Dietz, motion carried.
- Kevin Peterson present and stated city crew would paint lines and have nets assembled.

#### Truck Route: Adoption and Purchasing of Signs:

- Reviewed moving truck route down 3<sup>rd</sup> street from Cemetery Road to South Haynes Street. Council had concerns with the weight capacity of bridge on the eastern most part of 3<sup>rd</sup> street, along with the corner of Cemetery Road and 3<sup>rd</sup> street due to low hanging trailers.
  - Council agrees to move this to old business for next meeting.
- Reviewed concerns on South Haynes Street with needing patch work and gravel.
  - Council tabled.

#### Employee Handbook. Clerk Hours and Field Employee Hours:

- Kevin, Mark, and Ryan will move to summer hours (7a-4p) after Memorial Day.
- Haley Davidson made motion to permanently have City Clerk hours set to 8a-5p year-round, seconded by Alice Dietz, motion carried.

#### Summer Help:

- 1 application currently. Council decided to wait until next meeting to move forward with summer help.

#### Public Works Director Report:

- Kevin Peterson presented the following information:
  - Pool clean and ready to go. New sand was put in, 1 new filter installed, and tubing on the slide fixed.
  - Sewer project on pause due to waiting on boring company. Area around lagoons done.
  - Park shelter was repainted.



- Removed loose limb
  - Mark's city truck no longer goes in reverse.
  - Inquires about selling small roller.
    - Council requests to advertise for sealed bids until June's meeting.
  - Ditches will tentatively start next week due to recent rain.
- gazebo trees and hanging above playground equipment.

Council Concerns:

- Dan Darnall presents concerns from citizens regarding accounts receivable and payable due to no current clerk in the office.
  - Council states citizens can utilize the after hour drop off box for payments or contact a council member if needing to pay in person.
  - Lucas Nease states accounts payable will not be an issue.

Executive Session: Personnel, Clerk Position:

- Carl Schrontz made a motion to move into executive session for 30 minutes, seconded by Dan Darnall, motion carried.
  - Went into executive session at 8:38pm and came out of executive session at 9:08pm.
- Dan Darnall made motion to hire Heather Bowles at \$18/hour, seconded by Alice Dietz, motion carried.

Adjourn:

- Alice Dietz made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm, seconded by Haley Davidson, motion carried.