



July 2, 2024

Glasco City council met in regular session Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Carl Shrontz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

- Council members answering roll call were Dan Darnall, Cheri Jacobson, Haley Davidson and himself.

Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Haley Davidson made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, seconded by Cheri Jacobson, motion carried.

Approve Appropriations:

- Approved by signatures of all council members and Mayor.

Public Comments:

- Laurie Johnson provided a list of properties with grass, weeds, trees and fences that need to be addressed. The list was provided to the council and a copy held for the city's public officer Kirk Barr. Ms. Johnson specifically noted 303 N Spear where the last time the grass was mowed was May 13th when she and Mr. Merrill mowed and removed trees. The property has not been mowed since. Now more trees are down, and the grass is overgrown. The property is currently for sale.
 - Ms. Johnson stated she would like to see the city enforce the ordinances in a quicker manner than in the past. State that the city should mow or hire someone to mow after the 10-day notice has been issued and expired in efforts to keep the city as neat as possible. Ms. Johnson also pointed out the extra costs the city must incur due to ordinance non-compliance when a resident is taken to court. These court costs are paid by the city, coming from the city's overall budget and could be avoided.
 - Dan Darnall stated the ordinance should be updated to include the cost of court being paid by the residents that are non-compliant.
 - Carl Shrontz added Glasco needs to check with other cities around to see what their procedure is for charging non-compliant residents and reevaluate the ordinances.
 - The council thanked Ms. Johnson for the list and told her the issue would be reviewed.
- Kevin Williamson asked about the deed to 108 E 1st Street to see if it was ready to sign.
- Dan Darnall stated the McDuffee's must have their deed signed before July 16th.
 - Carl Shrontz stated that Condray Law office had an error on the signature page and the revised copy is pending. Requested the clerk follow up with Condray.
- Cloud County Sheriff Ken Davis was in attendance to check in with the council to see if there was anything the sheriff's department could do for Glasco and to confirm the presence of the sheriff's department has been acceptable.



- The council did not have any specific issues or concerns to report and thanked Sheriff Davis for attending.

Ordinance Control Report:

- Kirk Barr was not present but provided a spreadsheet dated 6/28/2024 with seven addresses of residents he has been in contact with or trying to get in contact with along with updates on each property.
- Council requested the city clerk provide the newest list from Ms. Johnson to Mr. Barr to investigate.

Public Works Director Report:

- Kevin Peterson presented the following information:
 - Streets - Street sweeping schedule was posted 2 weeks ago, yet even with the posting of the schedule cars were still in the road. Where cars were blocking the curb, the sweeper went around. The sweeper worked well except for larger bits of asphalt which are moved manually.
 - Park - 2 dead trees in the park have been removed
 - Park – the men’s restroom had something put down the toilet. When trying to remove, the obstruction was pushed further in and now clogging both the men’s and women’s toilet. Willow Springs has been contacted to remove it and they should be getting to this issue this week and the restrooms should be functioning by the holiday.
 - Sewer - New sewer pump is working great. The previous pump could only pump 8400 gallons per hour and the new pump can move 16,800 gallons per hour. Both pumps are working well together. Still pending delivery of the cam lock. The vendor the cam lock was ordered from had a software glitch and they lost the order. The new cam lock will take 6-8 weeks for delivery.
 - Cheri Jacobson asked how often will pump testing need to be done. Kevin stated there shouldn’t need to be any testing done as there are no leaks or any other concerns at this time.
 - Pool – a large tree in front of the swimming pool building has been removed.
 - Pool – The new pump for the pool is being installed on July 3rd and the pool should also be operational by the 4th. The pool staff has done a good job keeping it clean and no algae growth has occurred during the down time.
 - Cemetery – There is a badger that has dug many holes around the cemetery, including disturbing plots. The crew has been unable to find the den, thinks it might be living on the south side in the trees.
 - Dan Darnall offered to eliminate the badger as soon as opportunity presents itself.
 - Summer help – Keith Williamson has been a big help to the crew and is doing a great job.

Mayor’s Report:

- Health Insurance has increased roughly \$50 per employee per month for all full-time city employees for the 2024-2025 Membership Contract through State Employee Health Plan (SEHP).



- Ryan Bogner's operator certificate needs renewed – renewal fee \$20
- Carole Shrontz has offered her time as a volunteer to assist the city clerk in the case of an emergency leave.
 - Cheri Jacobson requested an office manual be created to assist anyone helping in the city clerk's absence. This would outline instructions on how to use the software system and step-by-step instructions on daily tasks of the clerk.
 - Heather Bowles, City Clerk, stated she will start working on work instructions when time allows.
- Board member vacancy – City will be posting the vacancy on Facebook to request letters of interest in the vacancy. The letters will need to be delivered to City Hall before the council meeting on August 6th for review.
- THANK YOU - The City of Glasco would like to send out a special thank you to the gracious donor that purchased the new swimming pool pump for the city pool. The pump went out on June 23rd and was inoperable, the pool has been closed pending resolution. The new pump is due to be installed on the 3rd.
- Twin Valley – currently the city office only has one phone line and no call waiting. The phone has not been working properly in the office. Proposed purchasing a new phone, adding call waiting and voicemail services. additional charge of \$5.00/month for voice mail and \$3/month for call waiting.
 - Council agreed and approved

LockIt Technologies – Scott Hardin:

- Offered two different options for City Hall's new computer system. One being a standard business desktop, the other a mobile workstation which includes a laptop/dock option.
- Mr. Hardin has been in contact with Caselle, the software provider for the city, regarding the minimum computer needs and offered the best options.
- Once the quote is reviewed and approved LockIt can have the computer ordered and ready to install in 2-3 weeks.

Discussion items:

- Kevin Peterson stated that he didn't believe the fire station had fiber optics ran to it.
 - It was also discussed that there should be a phone at the station since it will be used for a polling venue moving forward.
 - Heather Bowles was asked to check into the fiber optics cable and the fees to establish a phone line.
- CloudCorp – 2024 Fund Raising Campaign
 - Motion to donate \$200 by Hayle Davidson, 2nd by Cheri Jacobson and approved by all.
- Wreaths Across America – will be in Glasco December 14th. Glasco is proud to be part of this event. Thank you to Bill & Judy Wells for their dedication to this event.
- Stephanie McAllister requested the use of the display case on the corner of Main and Spruce to display the new sign for Kansas Community Empowerment (previously Kansas Pride).
 - The council approved its use and requested the key be found for Ms. McAllister.
- Cheri Jacobson stated two grants that were applied for were not approved.
 - One was for digitizing the city ordinances, the second for an LED city sign.



- Both projects are still pending.
- Dan Darnall offered to follow up with Lucas Nease regarding the firetruck grant funds and get an update on the truck.
- Cheri Jacobson requested the firework debris be cleaned up better this year as last year there were several pieces of fireworks left on the football field.
- Dan Darnall and Alice Dietz visited the cemetery to check out the flagpole request from Bill Wells and Bill Demars. There is one tree that needs to be taken down and it is believed the city has the equipment to accomplish the removal.
- Website addresses were provided by Bill Well for flag and flagpole vendors. This list was given to Mr. Darnall, and he stated he would check on the offerings of aluminum poles as the project of installing the pole sleeves relies on the diameter of the flag poles. Once reviewed he will share his findings.
- Kevin Peterson said the city received the bid to replace the curb on Cherry Street that had to be removed during the sewer project. He believes the city should go ahead and replace the curb instead of going with a contractor to save the city money.
 - Mr. Darnall stated he thinks the City of Beloit has curb forms we could borrow, if Glasco does not have any.

Adjourn:

- Dan Darnall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Haley Davidson, motion carried at 8:25pm.