



August 6, 2024

The council of the city of Glasco met in regular session Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. at the city hall.

Mayor Carl Shrontz called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

- Present: Councilmembers Dan Darnall, Cheri Jacobson, Alice Dietz
- Absent: Councilmember Haley Davidson. A quorum was present.
- Presiding: Mayor Carl Shrontz
- Present also: City Clerk Heather Bowles

Approve Prior Months Minutes:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2024, have been read and approved.

Approve Appropriations:

- Approved by signatures of present councilmembers and Mayor.

Public Comments:

- Bill Wells requested an additional breaker be installed at the parks pavilion as the current outlets when used 100% flip the breaker.
 - Kevin Peterson stated he will investigate what it would take to get one installed.
- Bill Wells also requested permission along the South fence at the cemetery to have the holes dug for the permanent flagpole footings. Mr. Wells also stated he has a grant for the cement, and he will bring the breakdown of cost for the project to the next council meeting in September.
 - Permission granted to proceed by all council members.
- Kevin Williamson asked about the boundaries of 108 E. 1st to the lot to the west as he would like to install a fence.
 - Mr. Darnall stated the city would find the description of the lot size and Ms. Jacobson offered to get Kevin the website where the boundaries can be found.
- Anthony Tobald had a complaint about the sanitation services being provided by the city. Stating there has been several instances over the years where all trash was not removed from his bins. The lids are commonly left open after trash removal which causes animals to get into the bins and tear up bags, in turn causes loose garbage in the bins. Mr. Tobald requested the city act on this complaint as he feels they are disrespectful to the residents' property, i.e. bins, and are not collecting trash as agreed upon. He also brought in another complaint form from a 2nd resident.
 - Mr. Shrontz stated he will investigate the other complaints, and the city will have a discussion with Berndt Sanitation on expectations.
- Stephanie McAlister asked when restrooms at the park would be open. Mr. Peterson stated the lines have been repaired and the restrooms are back up and running. Ms. McAlister asked about the fountain at the park and when it might be usable. Mr. Peterson has had the fountain repair quoted before and would be roughly \$600 to repair and is not in the budget at this time. Ms. McAlister also requested the sticker/weed patch



on the 1st and Fisher, be removed. Mr. Peterson said he and his crew would take care of the issue. Ms. Dietz suggested the city should start using a preemergent in the spring which will help prevent a lot of growth of such nuisance weeds.

Ordinance Control Report:

- Kirk Barr provided a list of ordinance violations to the mayor and council.
- Mr. Barr requested a template abatement letter to mail ordinance violators.
 - The City Clerk will get a template letter for Mr. Barr that reiterates the 10-day compliance or \$100 per hour fee.
 - The council motioned to set the fee for clean up (removal of trash, mowing/trimming grass, shrubs, etc.) to \$100 per hour.
 - Voting aye: all; opposed: none
- Mr. Barr then requested an executive session with the council, a session was granted.

Public Works Director Report:

- Kevin Peterson presented the following information:
 - Provided a list of all equipment with age and usages to the council for review as requested.
 - Trees – The city crew has been working on cutting down dead trees and eliminating dangerous branches that were causing blind spots on corners and interfering with street sign visibility.
 - The water tower is scheduled to be cleaned on August 12th & 13th. Water will not be shut off as the city will divert the water from a different source while cleaning is taking place.
 - The shelter house sewer at the RV park is repaired.
 - Next week the crew will be replacing the shut off valve at Jim Porter's.
- Cheri Jacobson asked about the three dead pine trees in front of the Cramer's property.
 - Mr. Peterson stated the city is not equipped to remove that tall of a tree and the landowner is responsible for tree trimming.
 - Discussion was had if the landowner does not have them removed by the winter the city will need to hire someone to remove the trees to prevent the dead limbs from falling on the power lines if an ice storm was to happen.

Mayor's Report:

- LockIt Technologies has informed the city of a back order for the new city computer – Scott Hardin hopes it will be delivered in a couple of weeks to LockIt and then installation will be scheduled.
- KDHE has requested the signature of the city for the completion of the sewer project and the Certificate for Completion of Construction needs to be signed.
 - Completion of Construction was approved, and Mr. Shrontz signed.
- KPP will be holding their annual conference on October 3rd and 4th – should we send a representative to attend? Meals and hotel fees are covered by KPP with only travel and gas expenses needing to be paid by the attendee.
 - Heather Bowles was selected to attend the meeting. Once the agenda is available from KPP it will be decided whether to attend one day or both.



- KPP –Public Power Week Proclamation for October 6-12, 2024, adoption. The Public Power Week recognizes Glasco's efforts to continue to bring low-cost, safe, reliable electricity to the residents of Glasco.
 - Motion passed to adopt proclamation by Cheri Jacobson, Alice Dietz 2nd and all others approved adoption.
- The City Clerk has requested the council's permission to purchase a new desk chair and has found one to purchase for \$188.00 on Amazon.
 - The council approved the purchase.
- Open Council Seat letters of interest received and reviewed.
 - Motion to accept letter for new council member. Motion was moved by Mr. Darnall, to nominate Dexter Eck, seconded by Ms. Jacobson. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Cheri Jacobson gave an update on the proposal for the city to purchase an LED sign which would allow the city to post announcements and local businesses to advertise their services. States the sign company has a truck that travels to different municipalities and will be in our area in August. Asked what day would be best for the truck to visit and demonstrate the sign.
 - All agreed on August 20th @ 6pm.
- Ms. Jacobson states the funding for the LED sign is still under review and she is looking at a few grant submission opportunities and will follow up with the council once she has more information to provide.
- Street Sweeper – Mr. Peterson stated the water pump is broken and a quote to fix starts at \$2,300.00. The hydraulic line is also broken.
- Dan Darnall gave an update on the new fire truck. Stating Glaven Ford has been provided all the truck specifications needed by the city. Mr. Darnall said he will provide pricing at the next meeting. Requested the clerk for confirmation of the \$20,000 set aside for new truck.

Discussion items:

- The council requested Kevin Peterson provide a 'wish list' equipment desired and a list of equipment the street crew would be willing to part with.
- Cheri Jacobson asked if there should be an annual sewer fee charged to properties not being lived in. Suggested a \$15 monthly fee and must be paid before water is turned back on.
- Ms. Jacobson brought up vacant properties around town and asked should the city further discuss taking down dilapidated buildings that have been abandoned and are no longer habitable?
 - Marcia Samples commented – there might be small businesses that could pay a small fee to the city to take the materials from the property. Salvage the lumber at least. Possibly making an area where wood was stored residents
 - Discussion tabled for future meeting.
- It was suggested a letter be written to the school regarding outside trash cans reminding them that no trash should be outside the cans for collection.
- Mr. Shrontz stated the city will begin requesting bids for new sanitation services due to the contract with Berndt Sanitation expiring in June 2025.



Adjourn regular meeting:

- Dan Darnall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cheri Jacobson, motion carried at 8:30pm.

Executive Session:

- Kirk Barr
- Personnel

Executive Session Ajour:

- Dan Darnall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alice Dietz, motion carried.