

**TOWN OF GLASGOW**  
**Monthly Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2017**

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 19:00 PM.

Moment of Silence was allowed and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found all present, Quorum present. Previous minutes were mailed; Motion was made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol; passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Health & Sanitation - continuing work on multiple leaks and blockages.

Discussion re: water project to follow in new business.

Recreation – Bingo continues to do well on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the Gym until fire code matters are resolved. Must re-bid contract as previous bidder backed out.

Streets & Lights - 3 lights out. The one at 211-210 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue comes on during the day and goes out at dark.

Building – 0 permits presented to Jay.

Finance - Larry reported the following balances:

General Fund -	\$1,130,518.60
B & O Coal Severance-	13,850.40
Water Fund -	- 29,391.00
Sewer Fund -	124,505.09
	\$1,239,483.09

Questions/rumors regarding general fund balance prior to this administration have been heard. (For the record, minutes from the June 15, 2015 council meeting reports a balance of \$1,275,847.33. (a difference of \$34,905.87). Not too bad for a town that has steadily lost income for the last several years!)

Carol made a motion to accept the Finance report, 2<sup>nd</sup> John. Motion passed unanimous.

Burning Permits - 4 presented and approved

Housing Board - need to walk around again and identify dilapidated properties

8 citations were given by PD to properties that needed to clean up per ordinance requirements.

These homeowners are then required to appear before the Municipal Judge.

Safety - Larry reported no incidents.

Fire Dept. - Marty was present. Apologized for being absent from last 2 council meetings due to training.

- Discuss re: new fire truck. It's still not usable due to electrical problems. Marty has made multiple attempts without success to get it fixed (still under warranty). Mayor Armstrong stated that if the problem continued unresolved, litigation will ensue.
- There is a dealership in Pikeville, KY that may be able to fix. With Mayors' approval, Marty is taking it there.

Police Dept.

No one present from PD. New SUV purchased with insurance monies. Some Glasgowians have complained about getting speeding tickets. Speed limits are clearly posted. PD will make every effort to give warnings to our citizens but, depending on the speed and if they've received warnings in the past, ticket will be issued.

Webpage committee:

Great Job Jay!!!

- Mayor requested Mr. Blankenship to provide a narrative to include mission statement etc on the FD for the webpage.

Personnel Committee:

Mayor Armstrong requested that Eddie and Larry meet with him this week, Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am to discuss issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Billing software – see “new business”
2. Electrical issues at Sr. Bldg- new bid requested to be posted
3. Public Water meeting held: April 27 @6pm in Gym – only about 25-30 families were represented.
  - o Potesta Engineering and Jason Capicci from Golden Equipment (hydro-excavator) Potesta rep not present but, they did suggest that we have our accountant do a “cost of service” analysis. Jason re-capped his presentation.
  - o Questions were fielded.
  - o Letter from the mayor summarizing the meeting was hand delivered and taped to doors of all Glasgow residents which included the request for written opinions and selection of which method to repair our water system

they preferred.

§ 37 replies were received:

- 6 selected traditional method as suggested by Potesta Engineering at a cost of \$4,400,000.
- 29 selected the hydro-excavation truck as presented by Golden Equipment at a cost of \$410,000 and the Glasgow Public Works department would perform all labor.
- 2 selected going to West Virginia-American Water System.

o Discussion ensued with residents that were present at council meeting:

§ Dagwood Blankenship – check into repair of current system built in 60’s and hook old system built in 30’s to it. Also requested that a piece of the 50 year old main line to cut out and analyzed.

§ Cathy Winfree – wanted \$ estimates and more information.

§ Marty Blankenship – wanted to know more about timeline and costs involved with the purchase/use of the truck.

§ Mayor Armstrong stated he felt strongly about the need to offer the choice to the town’s residents in the form of formal special election (prob. Cost = approx. \$3000-4000.)

§ Christine Buckley asked Dagwood why this problem wasn’t addressed 30 years ago.

§ Finally, motion was by Peggy to buy the truck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. Individual Accountability vote was requested by John.

- Carol Confere – abstained
- Jay Ward – Yes. But requested a logistics plan for timeline and costs for the project.
- Eddie – Yes.
- Peggy - Yes.
- Larry – Yes.
- John – yes.

Therefore motion passed, hydro-excavation truck will be purchased. Purchase order paperwork given to Jason Capicci

4. Garbage truck

§ Current costs that have been previously discussed were reviewed. We are currently paying more than we are receiving in fees for garbage removal.

§ Cost of 12 yard / 3-4 ton capacity truck = \$121,900

§ Discussion ensued.

§ Motion made by Peggy to purchase; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John. Passed unanimously.

5. Need administrative Vehicle – 2010 Ford Focus purchased for \$2495.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility billing software need** – Jeff Feamster from Mountaineer Software discussed Accufund Utility Software. Was asked to compare to what we currently have (ASI).

Bid was discussed. (see attached) Copies to be sent to all council members. Vote will be delayed until it is reviewed and we will vote at next council meeting, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Tucker property** – Mayor Armstrong has spoken with her son, Ronnie, who states he has contracted someone to removing the building.

**Teresa Hardesty** has asked if we would waive our ordinance re: trailer placement. The lot she is considering buying is only a half lot and will not support a traditional home. Discussion re: waiving this ordinance was discussed. It was decided we would talk with the potential neighboring homeowners to see if they had an issue with it. Mayor Armstrong will write a letter to Ms. Hardesty explaining.

**Hager property problems** – Huge culvert is rotting and sinking away. Marty concerned about potential danger for anyone accidentally stepping on it. This culvert was built by the homeowner at the time, this is not a city issue other than to protect the citizens of Glasgow from the danger. . Mayor will send letter to owner to fix the problem. Barricades may need to be placed.

**Swimming Pool needs –**

1. Freezer – Jason Capicci has generously offered to pay for our freezer!!!
2. Pump – Marty had several suggestions. NEED THIS WEEK!!!
3. AED – Marty will look into
4. CPR manikin for this weekend’s LG cert class. – Marty will look into
5. First Aid kit supplies – Will let Marty know.
6. **Need A/C for kitchen \*not discussed**

**Leak Adjustments** - none

**Ordinances - none**

Payment of Bills – documentation provided. It was reiterated, that if anyone would like to look at the actual invoices they can make arrangements to come into the office. Motion by John; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @21:32.

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Wayne Armstrong, Mayor

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Peggy S. Fisher, Recorder