#### TOWN OF GLASGOW

#### **PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

#### July 11, 2024

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

Council members in attendance included Mayor Fannin, Recorder Jay Ward, Marty Blankenship, Mike Szerokman, Eddie Hamilton, John Alderson and Susan Ward. Chris Burford and Eric Hartwell from New River Engineers and CPA for the sewer project Jack Miller also attended. Residents who were in attendance signed a sign in sheet (see attachment).

Mayor Fannin reviewed the provided handout, listing the reasons for the rate increase and explaining the funding of the project (see attachment).

Residents were given a chance to ask questions and make comments about the proposed sewer increase. Several residents did ask questions, gave input and made comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Donald Fannin Recorder Jay Ward

### **ARTICLE V**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GLASGOW AMENDING AND REENACTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FIXING OF RATES, CHARGES AND DELAYED PENALTY CHARGES FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF GLASGOW, KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Glasgow, Kanawha

County, West Virginia, provides wastewater treatment to the Town of Glasgow; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Glasgow has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town of Glasgow, its residents and users of its sanitary sewer system to increase the sanitary sewer rates in order to adequately fund maintenance and improvements; and

WHEREAS, there is hereby established a schedule of just and equitable rates, charges, and delayed payment penalties for the use of any service rendered by the Town of Glasgow's sanitary sewer collection and wastewater treatment system, which schedule of rates, charges, and delayed payment penalties is based upon the metered amounts of water supplied to the premises:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of Glasgow, Kanawha County, West Virginia, as follows:

1. <u>Statutory Authority, Finds and Determinations</u>. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions and requirements of

Chapter Eight and Chapter Twenty-four of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended, and other applicable provisions of the laws of the state of West Virginia. It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows: That rates and charges are now in effect for the furnishing of sanitary sewer service to the customers of the Town of Glasgow who are residents of the Town of Glasgow, located in Kanawha County, West Virginia, and its other customers, are not adequate to provide sufficient revenue to repair, maintain, and operate the sanitary sewer system of said Town.

# 2. Establishing and Fixing Rates, Charges and Delayed Payment

**Penalties.** The following schedule of rates, charges and delayed penalty charges shall be and they are hereby fixed and determined as the rates, charges and delayed penalty charges and paid by customers of the sanitary sewer system of the Town of Glasgow throughout the entire territory served.

## **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable in the entire territory served, based upon water meter readings.

## **AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE/MINIMUM CHARGE**

The rates shall be based upon flow meter usage and said rates shall be a two-step tariff. Step 1: Nineteen dollars and forty-six cents (\$19.46) per thousand gallons of water used, with a minimum monthly charge of thirty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents (\$38.92). Six months from the implementation of step 1, step 2 shall occur: Twenty-four dollars and twenty-three cents (\$24.23) per thousand gallons of water used, with a minimum monthly charge of forty-eight dollars and forty-six cents (\$48.46).

### DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all accounts not paid within twenty (20) days of the billing date, a ten percent (10%) penalty will be added to the net amount shown unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate. A bill for service to a customer served hereunder, whenever delinquent, shall be a lien for the amount thereof upon the real property of the customer served, as provided by Chapter 16, Article Thirteen, Section Sixteen of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended.

### **SERVICE CONNECTION FEE**

All customers connecting to the sanitary sewer system shall be charged a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) connection fee.

### **DISCONNECT/RECONNECT**

If service is discontinued for failure to pay a bill when due, a disconnection charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be assessed and if service is reinstated, a reconnection charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) will be made.

#### CUSTOMER CHECK RETURN CHARGE

When any check is received for payment of a customer's account, which check is later returned unpaid due to there being insufficient funds in the account of the payer to satisfy said amount or for any other reason, the customer will have imposed a Twenty Five Dollar (\$25.00) charge.

# METER DEPOSIT

The Town of Glasgow shall charge any party or parties a deposit of 1/12 of the annual estimated charge for residential service or % of the annual estimated charge for all other services.

# WHEN SPECIAL RATES MAY BE FIXED BY THE TOWN

In the event the sewage, water or other liquid being discharged into the sanitary sewers from any building or premises is determined by the Town to contain unduly high concentrations of any substances which add to the operating costs of the sewage system of the Town, the the Town may establish special rates or charges as to such class of building or premises, the Town may require the owner or other interested party to specially treat such sewage, water or other liquid waste before it is discharged into the municipal sanitary sewage system.

3. Effective Date. The rates and charges imposed by this

ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of September, 2024. This is the first forty-five (45) days after the date that the Council adopted this Ordinance.

4. <u>Compliance with Law</u>. The Mayor and other proper officials of The Town of Glasgow are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all such action as shall be appropriate in compliance with all statutes of West Virginia and all proper rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia in order to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance. 5. <u>Publication of Notice</u>. At least five (5) days before the meeting at which this ordinance is to be voted upon for final adoption, there shall be published once in the Charleston Gazette in the City of Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia and of general circulation in the Town of Glasgow, a notice of the proposed adoption of this ordinance stating the subject matter and general title thereof, the date, time and place of the proposed final vote on the adoption hereof and the fact that such ordinance may be inspected, and a copy may be obtained, by any member of the public at the Office of the Recorder of the Town. The published notice shall also state that, at the meeting of the Council at which the proposed final vote on the adoption of this ordinance will be taken, any interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to this ordinance and the matters contained here.

6. Notice to Customers. Public notice of change in rates shall,

within five (5) days after the adoption of this ordinance, by publishing a copy of Tariff Form 12 as a class II advertisement in the local newspaper.

First Reading: <u>Gree les 2024</u>

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Second Reading: July 15, 2024