

Minutes of Town Council Meeting
March 12, 2013
Glasgow Public Library

Council Members Present: Sonny Williams, Roger Funkhouser, Mike Turner, Monica Dock, Ruby Clark.

Also Present: Town Manager Paul Parker, Administrative Assistant Jane Higginbotham, Town Attorney Tom Simons, Town Sgt. Aaron Britton, Public Works Supervisor Armond Falgoust.

Absent: Mayor Sam Blackburn

Guests Present: Billy Wells, Tom McClanahan, Reese McClanahan, Roberta Lyle, John Hill, Lisa Rogers, Roman Rogers, Mike Watts, Patrick Stump, Cory Sheets, John Ellington, Rob Faulkner, Dillon Clark, Ricky Taylor, Judy Loughhead, Lynda Miller, India Martin, Natalie Harris, Robert Hickman, Craig Campbell, Patricia Campbell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Ruby Clark, followed by a brief prayer. Councilor Ruby Clark called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Public Comment Period:

Billy Wells of 430 Shawnee Street – Mr. Wells stated his vehicle broke down and he left it in a ditch and left a message with Noel Auto to come fix it. Mr. Wells stated when he returned to the vehicle later, Sgt. Britton was having it towed. Mr. Wells stated the vehicle was not out in the road as Sgt. Britton had stated it was. Mr. Wells stated it cost him \$50 for the vehicle being towed. Mr. Wells stated he cannot go to the boat landing anymore and that he is being stalked by a town employee. Mr. Wells stated he had pictures to show Council.

Tom McClanahan of 733 Fitzlee Street - stated he had a complaint about the property at the corner of Rt. 130 and 8th Street. Mr. McClanahan stated this area is devaluing all the property in Glasgow. Mr. McClanahan asked Council if they intended to do anything about this. Mr. McClanahan stated this property is the window to the community and no one has done anything about it. Mr. McClanahan stated there is paper everywhere, wood stacked on VDOT right-of-way, trailers illegally parked and untagged, tin cans mashed and laying out front. Mr. McClanahan stated this is uncalled for and he is tired of looking at it. Councilor Monica Dock stated Council has taken the issue to different officials to get the problem resolved legally. Town Attorney Tom Simons stated a title search is required to find out who the owner is. Mr. McClanahan stated the owner is Billy Walker and he is the one living there. Mr. McClanahan stated he deals with VDOT all the time and if he has to, he can get it done. Reese McClanahan stated she wants a response from Council what action will be taken. Mr. McClanahan added the illegal trailer needs to be taken off the road. Mrs. McClanahan stated the lien holder had contacted she and her husband to buy the property, but that she (the lien holder) only holds the note, she does not own the property. Councilor Mike Turner stated he would have an answer for the McClanahan's by the April Council meeting.

India Martin , President of the Concerned Citizens and Director of the Summer Enrichment Program – Mrs. Martin stated she has annually requested \$1,600 from the Town for the Summer Enrichment Program since 1985. Mrs. Martin stated the program for 2013 will be held Tuesday, June 26, 2013 thru Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Mrs. Martin stated they usually have 25-30 children. Mrs. Martin stated this benefits the community as it is a place to be 4-5 hours a day in the summer. Mrs. Martin stated they have recreation and some education programs. Mrs. Martin stated they try to tie the dates in with the local churches and the vacation Bible schools. Mrs. Martin stated they would love to extend the length of the program but there is not enough money. Mrs. Martin stated they do one (1) field trip (swimming in Lexington) but have no transportation so they have to rely on volunteers. Mrs. Martin stated the money is used to purchase materials needed for arts/crafts, safety, nutrition, drug programs, computer skills. Mrs. Martin stated the ages are 5-14. Mrs. Martin stated if anyone can provide transportation she would appreciate it. Mrs. Martin stated anyone is welcome to attend at any time. Mrs. Martin stated the children bring their own lunch. Councilor Monica Dock stated air hockey, balls, bats have been purchased, as well as providing drinks, and they buy peanut butter, jelly, bologna, cereal because some children do not have money or food at home. Natalie Harris stated she volunteers with this program and takes pictures of everything which will be put on their web page which she is in the process of setting up. Councilor Roger Funkhouser asked what the annual budget is. Mrs. Martin stated \$3,000 – they receive \$1,400 from Rockbridge County and \$1,600 from Glasgow.

Craig Campbell, Training Officer for Glasgow Rescue Squad – Mr. Campbell gave the annual report for the Glasgow Rescue Squad. See attached report for details. Mr. Campbell stated the Rescue Squad is requesting \$13,000 for FY 2013; \$12,000 operation, \$1,000 offset the Christmas parade. Councilor Monica Dock asked if Glasgow Rescue Squad is missing any calls and if so, what percent. Mr. Campbell stated Glasgow misses about two (2) calls per week. Mr. Campbell stated The Rockbridge Advocate has published numbers that are not right. Mr. Campbell stated volunteers are needed.

John Hill, Fire Chief for Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Hill stated they answered brush and structure fire calls and EMS assists. Mr. Hill stated a lot of members have been to training and now have 15 that are certified in swift water rescue. Mr. Hill stated they received a USDA grant for equipment to outfit each individual in swift water rescue. Mr. Hill stated they took over the fire safety trailer and use it at the elementary schools. Mr. Hill stated they replaced the old ladder truck and paid for it by selling the old firehouse on Powhatan Street. Mr. Hill stated the new ladder truck has a longer ladder/reach. Mr. Hill stated the front line engine was replaced at a cost of \$484,000, which was completely funded by the USDA at \$28,000/year payments. Mr. Hill stated they received a Mohawk Foundation grant for \$52,000 to replace equipment that is worn. Mr. Hill stated the membership has increased from 21 to 27. Mr. Hill stated the Fire Department is requesting \$11,500 for the FY 2013 budget. Mr. Hill stated he would like to ask for a 10% increase because of fuel expenses and that they have not received an increase in ten (10) years. Mr. Hill stated as a concerned citizen, the Fire Department is asking for Council's support for the Fire Department to be able to become First Responders. Mr. Hill stated with the ALS transport license, they can provide the critical

care needed until the Rescue Squad can get there. Mr. Hill stated the Fire Department is formally asking Town Council's permission to proceed with this process. Mr. Hill stated the next step would be to discuss the issue with the Rescue Squad. Lynda Miller stated most municipalities have the fire department as First Responders. Town Attorney Tom Simons asked if the Fire Department is asking for Council's support and endorsement. Mr. Hill stated yes. Town Manager Paul Parker asked what the procedure is for a First Responder license. Mr. Hill stated the Fire Association has already approved it. Mr. Hill stated the next step would be to go to the RERG – Rockbridge Emergency Rescue Group – an association of all local rescue squads. Mr. Hill stated the next step would be to go to the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hill stated lastly the Virginia Board of Health would have to get an endorsement from a local physician, who would be Dr. Sheridan in Lexington. Robert Hickman, President of the RERG stated this needed to be discussed with the Glasgow Rescue Squad first. Council agreed to give their endorsement to John Hill and the Glasgow Volunteer Fire Department to proceed with the process of getting the ALS transport license.

Review of Minutes:

Regular Meeting 02/12/2013

Motion by Monica Dock and **Seconded** by Mike Turner to approve minutes.
Carried unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Bills:

Motion by Monica Dock to pay all bills as presented and any other bills that may come up. **Seconded** by Roger Funkhouser.
Carried unanimous voice vote.

Committee/Commission Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee – Chairperson, Roberta Lyle, stated a work day to put the new playground equipment together has been scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 9:00 AM, weather permitting. Mrs. Lyle stated Lisa Rogers will be in charge of all softball games/tournaments this year and will have the rules at the Council meeting on April 9, 2013. Mrs. Lyle stated the bleachers will be repaired/replaced by the Ruritans. Mrs. Lyle stated the Fire Department had requested to run the concession stand this year. Town Manager Paul Parker stated maybe another non-profit could do this next year. Mr. Parker stated Mike Conner with RARO stated they will fix and maintain the softball field this year, and the repairs will be done before the end of March. Mr. Parker stated Lisa Rogers will also bring the softball schedule to the April Council meeting and will be coordinating games with RARO. Patrick Stump, President of the Glasgow Fire Department, stated the Fire Department had discussed running the concession stand and they are willing to share one (1) night a week with another non-profit. Mr. Stump stated it would make it easier for them only having to do it one (1) night a week and give someone else a chance to make money also. Mr. Parker stated if a non-profit was willing to run the concession stand one (1) night a week to contact Patrick Stump. Councilor Roger Funkhouser asked if dates had been set for “Music in the Park”. Mrs. Lyle stated the first one is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM and the second one

is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Mr. Parker stated he will contact all non-profits about selling refreshments at these events.

Police Activity Report:

Sgt. Britton stated Council has a copy of his February activity report in their packet. Sgt. Britton stated he had worked 292 hours, driven 384 miles on the police car and 330 miles in the Explorer, used 60 gallons of gas, and made four (4) arrests. Sgt. Britton stated included in his activity report is an example of noise ordinance (Section 12-72) from the City of Williamsburg that Glasgow could adopt. Sgt. Britton stated this noise ordinance can be enforced without a decibel meter. Sgt. Britton stated Community Watch met in March but he gave the wrong time for the meeting so only four (4) people showed up. Sgt. Britton stated they will meet again April 1st @ 6:30 PM at the Rescue Squad building. Sgt. Britton stated the May meeting will be held at the Community Center. Sgt. Britton stated he is going to rotate the meeting places each month. Sgt. Britton stated he has received DMV grant for \$7,500 for equipment and special enforcement to work with the Virginia State Police. Sgt. Britton stated he received a \$1,559 grant from the Sheriff's Association for a laptop for the police car. Since Glasgow is a small town, the software will be provided. Sgt. Britton stated he does not know what internet service he will use. Sgt. Britton stated the mount and wiring for the vehicle is about \$500 and this may have to be paid out-of-pocket. Sgt. Britton stated he will take care of the illegal trailer at Billy Walker's tomorrow. Sgt. Britton stated Boyd Walker had concerns regarding traffic and speeding on Fitzlee Street as Rev. McDaniel lives on that street and he is hard of hearing. Sgt. Britton stated Mr. McDaniel got scammed in November when two (2) men approached him saying they worked for the railroad and had extra asphalt and would pave his driveway and only charge him \$60, which would have to be paid up front. Sgt. Britton stated the men never came back and the railroad investigator worked with him and the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office on the case. Councilor Roger Funkhouser stated there is also a scam supposedly from Dominion Power stating you have a past due bill and they are going to cut your power off if you do not give you're your credit card number. Mrs. India Martin stated all senior citizens and handicapped in Glasgow need to be made aware of these scams because they are the ones that are always targeted. Lynda Miller stated the News-Gazette should put this in the paper.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. Accept Resignation

Motion by Monica Dock and **Seconded** by Mike Turner to accept the resignation of Caleb Keckler from Glasgow Town Council.

Unanimous voice vote.

B. Parks & Recreation Appointments

Councilor Roger Funkhouser stated this should be advertised in the newspaper and applications taken.

Manager Report

A. New Well/Water System Improvement Project

Public meetings to be held in May and June to let public know what project is. Meetings will be advertised. \$4.4 million loan granted from VDH. Construction will probably start this Fall. Mr. Johnston has agreed to sell his lot for \$4,500 and will give 100' radius per VDH requirement.

B. Sewage Treatment Project – Oxidation Ditch

All equipment has arrived and is 90% installed.

C. Canoe Launch

Inmate construction crews scheduled for around April 1st to help remove debris and construction of launch. Canoe named *Glasgow Landing*. Would like permission from Council to pay Russ Orrison so he can get drawings finished, then will send to CSX for final approval. Area has to be surveyed. Council agreed to \$1,000-\$2,000 to pay Mr. Orrison for volunteer work he has been doing.

D. Storm Water Run-off Study

Result of study will tell us what to do to divert water.

E. Business Licenses

Council agreed Hurt & Proffitt should have a Glasgow business license.

F. Mosquito School

Hammer is a technician. County does not have anyone holding applicator license. Paul has NC license and will see if will transfer to VA.

G. Federal Mandated Class

Hammer, Chris, Aaron and Roger Bradley attended 2-hour seminar at Cold Springs Correctional Facility. This was federally mandated for everyone who works with inmates.

H. FY '13-'14 Budget

Rough draft handed out to Council. Must have draft finished by April, advertise for 30 days and pass in June. Budget workshop scheduled for March 25th @ 6PM.

Other:

1. Councilor Monica Dock asked if there has been any response on letters sent out about abandoned houses. Town Manager Paul Parker stated no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Mayor

Clerk

