

**CITY OF GLEASON**  
**CITY BOARD MINUTES**

**August 18, 2025**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Gleason met for its regular meeting August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at Gleason City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Anderson.

The following were present:

Charles Anderson	Mayor
Mike Bennett	Vice Mayor / Alderman
Mike Stafford	Alderman
Shawn Francisco	Alderman
James Hines	Alderman
Marsha Hatley	City Recorder
Lexia Snider	City Recorder Intern
Marcus Hopper	Police Chief
Michael Lowe	Asst. Police Chief
Mark Stafford	Fire Chief
Rodney Garner	Public Works Director
Carter Cook	Asst. Public Works Director
Clay Wright	Water / Wastewater Superintendent
Sarah Wright	Wife of Clay Wright
Lowe Finney	City Attorney
Benita Evans	Press

1. Prayer – Mike Stafford
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Carter Cook
3. Reading of the July minutes was waived since each board member is furnished with a copy.
4. Financial Reports were reviewed.
5. Departmental Reports were given by Department Heads.
6. Alderman Mike Stafford made a motion to approve the minutes, financial reports, and departmental reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Bennett. Motion carried.
7. Mayor Anderson advised that the Library Summer Reading Program had been a success with several donations being made by area businesses and organizations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that Public Entity Partners has offered a grant that will cover a 50% match of security cameras being installed at different city locations. This will require a vote and a signed resolution to go forward. A motion was made by Alderman Mike Stafford to move forward with the application for the grant and the motion was seconded by Alderman James Hines. The

motion passed. Alderman Shawn Francisico noted that she would like to see the resolution that was presented in Public Entity Partner's format be switched to the city's format before submitting.

9. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that the Rotary Club wants to run the Park and Concession Stand. No one else has applied for the Park Director Position. Alderman Mike Stafford stated that the Rotary Club needed to appoint (1) person to make decisions. The City Summer Program doesn't start until Spring, however, there will be school league games and some tournaments between now and then. Police Chief Marcus Hopper stated that key problem would be to enforce rules for who and when the park could be used. Mayor Anderson responded that we would have a meeting with Rotary to discuss and clarify the details of their involvement and rules to be set and followed.
10. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that through a Dyersburg State Intern Program, Lexia Snider would be working part time at City Hall. Tracy's pay will remain the same, she is working ½ of her day at the water plant assisting Clay and ½ the day at City Hall when Lexia is in class. Mayor Anderson explained that it takes a long time for someone to learn all that is required for the City Recorder position. We hope to train Lexia and send her to get certified as CMFO so that in future she will be able to assume that role.
11. Police Chief Marcus Hopper advised the Board that he needed to increase the THSO rate from \$40 to \$100 and the number of hours from 4 hours to 8 hours to ensure the grant money is used. Running out of time to spend the grant allowance. THSO has very strict stipulations to follow when officers are working THSO they cannot answer any other calls or be working on anything other than THSO. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the rate should go back to \$40 per hour for the new contract year.
12. Alderman Mike Stafford made the motion to approve the increase from \$40 to \$100 and from 4 hours to 8 hours until the end of this grant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Bennett and the motion carried.
13. Chief Hopper advised the Board that a speed bump has been requested on Phelps Street. The residents on Phelps Street have signed a petition requesting them installed. The estimated costs for the speed bumps will be \$700-\$800 per bump. When we sell some LESO equipment next month we can use these funds to pay for the bumps.
14. A motion was made by Alderman Mike Bennett to install the speed bumps on Phelps Street. The motion was seconded by Alderman James Hines and the motion passed.
15. Police Chief Marcus Hopper advised that LESO has started to list equipment to bid on again and he has been awarded several items and is waiting on others to see if he will be awarded them as well. He explained that this will require him to travel to pick up the equipment and that he will be traveling to several military posts in several different states to acquire the equipment and bring it back. Next year we will have equipment we can either keep or choose to sell again.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. Mayor Anderson announced that August Yard of the Month had been awarded to Sam & Morgan Clukey at the old 'Beasley House'.
17. Next Board Meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 PM