

CITY OF GLEASON
CITY BOARD MINUTES
December 15, 2025

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Gleason met for its regular meeting December 15th 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 Stafford	Alderman
James Hines	Alderman
Shawn Francisco	Alderman
Mike Bennett	Vice Mayor
Marsha Hatley	City Recorder
Jonathan McDowell	Police Sargeant
Mark Stafford	Fire Chief
Rodney Garner	Public Works Director
Carter Cook	Water – Wastewater Apprentice
Sarah Wright	Wife of Clay Wright
Carter Cook	Water – Wastewater Apprentice
Lowe Finney	City Attorney
Wendell Verdell	Citizen
Alicia Verdell	Citizen
Lindsey Jackson	Citizen
Nicky Jackson	Citizen
Brinkley McDowell	Citizen
Teddy Brawner	Citizen
Brittany Bargery	Citizen
Charlotte Bargery	Citizen
Griffin Bargery	Citizen

1. Prayer – Lowe Finney
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Brinkley McDowell & Charlotte Bargery
3. Reading of the November 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. Sargeant Jonathan McDowell advised that the Police Department has been concentrating on continuing safety in the school zones and slowing down traffic on Hwy 22. He also noted that dogs running at large will result in citations. Mayor Anderson noted that all dogs impounded with no owners claiming them, are being rehomed and not euthanized.
7. Public Works Director Rodney Garner advised the Board that it has been a busy month with numerous water leaks, sewer calls and 811 locates.

8. Water / Wastewater Report – Mayor Anderson noted that Carter Cook is now in the apprentice program for water / wastewater and will be obtaining his licensing.
9. Fire Chief Mark Stafford advised that the fire department responded to a house fire on N Cedar Street today with limited manpower. McKenzie Fire Department was called in for mutual aid.
10. Alderman Mike Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes, financial reports, and departmental reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Shawn Francisco. Motion carried.
11. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that there were (2) open seats on the Library Board since Hannah Johnson & Janet Breeden had both resigned from the Library Board. He would like to nominate Alicia Verdell & Andi Owen to fill those vacancies.
12. Alderman Mike Stafford made the motion to approve the (2) appointments to the Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman James Hines. The motion carried.
13. Alderman Mike Stafford advised the Board that since Michellia had resigned from the Library, Hannah Johnson had been acting as interim Librarian until the Library Board along with the District Director completed interviews. There were two applicants, Hannah Johnson & Sidney Lawrence. The Library Board voted to hire Sidney Lawrence. Hannah Johnson agreed to continue as interim until Sidney starts on January 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

14. Mayor Anderson presented the Board with the second reading of a Renewal of Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan. Alderman Mike Stafford made the motion to pass the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman James Hines. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Anderson noted that the year is coming to an end. He expressed his appreciation for everyone working together for the good of the city and hoped that 2026 would prove to be a good year. He advised that Police Department building located at 210 Main Street has been purchased from Finch / Owen. The property was acquired for \$20,000.00 and was paid for over a period of 57 months at \$350 per month. City Attorney Lowe Finney has the deed ready for signatures and will be getting the property transfer recorded this week.

Fire Chief Mark Stafford advised that Santa would be making his rounds Christmas Eve on the fire truck.

Next Board Meeting will be January 20th at 7 PM. It will be on Tuesday night due to Monday being a Holiday.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM