

CITY OF GLEASON
CITY BOARD MINUTES

June 11, 2026

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Gleason met for its regular meeting June 11th at 5:00 PM, prevailing time at Gleason City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Anderson.

The following were present:

Charles Anderson	Mayor
James Hines	Alderman
Mike Bennett	Vice Mayor
Shawn Francisco	Alderman
Mike Stafford	Alderman
Marsha Hatley	City Recorder
Tracy Gaylord	Assistant City Recorder
Marcus Hopper	Police Chief
Mark Stafford	Fire Chief
Rodney Garner	Public Works Director
Clay Wright	Water – Wastewater Superintendent
Lowe Finney	City Attorney
Kevin Willie	Republic Services
Nick Davis	Rotary
Brittany Mitchell	Rotary
Tyler Sangermano	Citizen
Benita Evans	Press

1. Prayer – Lowe Finney
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of the May 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 Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes, financial reports, and departmental reports. Motion was seconded by Alderman Shawn Francisco. The motion carried.
7. Committee Reports – Mayor Anderson noted that the Summer Reading Program was coming up. Library has started receiving donations to help support that and that Sydney was doing a good job.
8. Rotary reported that there will be an upcoming tournament this weekend.

CITIZENS CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS

Tyler Sangermano addressed the Mayor and Board regarding interest in applying for the USDA Rural Business Development Grant. She offered to write the grant and volunteer time doing surveys if the Board was interested in going forward with the application. The deadline for application is June 30th.

This grant would lay the groundwork for the ability to apply for the Enterprise Grant in the future. Alderman Shawn Francisco questioned what investment from the city would be required and suggested Tyler gather more information and email to the Board members prior to them making any decision to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that the Charter Change of the Mayor and Board Salary rate passed through Legislation.
10. A motion was made by Alderman Mike Stafford to adopt the change to the Charter. The motion was seconded by Alderman Shawn Francisco and the motion passed.

Jame Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco - Yes

Mike Stafford - Yes

Mike Bennett - Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

11. Republic Services Representative Kevin Willie addressed the Board and assured them that the services being provided by RAEKAR would not change when Republic Services takes the routes over starting in September. Quality of service should remain the same after the transfer.
12. City Attorney Lowe Finney presented the Board with an amended copy of the Employee Manual for their review. He advised that MTAS has several policies and procedures available that the city has not yet adopted and advised that the Board review and determine if they would like to add any of those to the Employee Manual before voting to accept it as revised.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Mayor Anderson presented an ordinance to adopt changes for Municipal Court. This ordinance would allow the court to see cases that have previously been set for General Sessions Court.

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

14. A motion was made by Alderman Mike Bennett to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Stafford. The motion passed.

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

15. Mayor Anderson presented the Board with the renewal of the Rotary Contract for the Park Program. Effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. A motion was made by Alderman Mike Bennett to continue the contract. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Stafford. The motion carried.

James Hines – Yes
Shawn Francisco – Yes
Mike Stafford – Yes
Mike Bennett – Yes
Charles Anderson – Yes

16. Mayor Anderson presented the Board with the 1st Reading of the Budget for FY 27. A motion was made Alderman Mike Stafford to approve the 1st Reading of the Budget for FY 27. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Bennett. The motion carried.

James Hines - Yes
Shawn Francisco - Yes
Mike Stafford - Yes
Mike Bennett - Yes
Charles Anderson – Yes

17. Mayor Anderson presented the Board with an ordinance to change time of the monthly board meeting from 7 PM to 5 PM. The meeting will remain on the 3rd Monday of each month. The motion to accept the ordinance was made by Alderman Mike Stafford. The motion was seconded by Shawn Francisco. The motion carried.

James Hines – Yes
Shawn Franciso – Yes
Mike Stafford – Yes
Mike Bennett – Yes
Charles Anderson – Yes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. The 2nd Reading / Public Hearing for the Budge FY 27 will be June 25th at 7:30 AM
19. July 3rd will be Downtown America 250th Celebration with fireworks, music, food trucks, car cruse in & a parade.
20. Metting adjourned 6:00 PM.