

CITY OF GLEASON
CITY BOARD MINUTES

September 21, 2026

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Gleason met for its regular meeting September 21st 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
Michael Lowe	Assistant Police Chief
Mark Stafford	Fire Chief
Rodney Garner	Public Works Director
Clay Wright	Water – Wastewater Superintendent
Carter Cook	Water – Wastewater Apprentice
Lowe Finney	City Attorney
Rachel Stigall	Saddle Club
Richard Stigall	Saddle Club
Jim Seaton	Ordinance Enforcement
Joe Baumgartel	Citizen
Jennifer Baumgartel	Citizen
Kinley Baumgartel	Citizen
Collin Baumgartel	Citizen

1. Prayer – Mike Stafford
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Baumgartel Family
3. Reading of the August 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 Shawn Francisco. The motion carried.
James Hines – Yes
Shawn Francisco – Yes
Mike Stafford – Yes
Mike Bennett – Yes
Charles Anderson – Yes
7. Committee Reports – Mike Stafford stated the Library Board would be meeting Tuesday, September 22nd. He mentioned that the Rotary Club would be doing a fund raiser for the library.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF GLEASON, TN AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION.

A motion was made by Alderman James Hines to pass the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Stafford and the motion passed.

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

2. 2nd Reading of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF GLEASON, TN AMENDING THE ORDINANCE REGARDING IMMOBILE, ABANDONED, AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES.

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

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

3. Mayor Anderson mentioned that the Employee Handbook still needs to be updated revising the OT policy, any other policy changes and finalized. He asked that the Board review the handbook and policy information provided by City Attorney Lowe Finney and revisit at the October meeting.

4. Mayor Anderson opened the discussion to revisit the “Adopt a Park Program Policy” provided by City Attorney, Lowe Finney for the Saddle Club. Representatives of the Saddle Club, Rachel Stigall and her father Richard Stigall were at the meeting. After some discussion regarding ownership of the utilities for the park, maintenance of the park, a motion was made by Alderman Shawn Francisco to pass the “Adopt a Park Program Policy” adding signatures and dates on the last page. Once the Policy is in place, the City will then take bids for a yearly service agreement for use of the park. Once the service agreement is in place and the property is in use the City will reinstate utilities and the service agreement holder will reimburse the City for use of the utilities. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Bennett and the motion passed. There will be a second reading of the Policy at the October meeting.

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson – Yes

5. Mayor Anderson advised that the growing weeds and grass in and around the Saddle Arena looks bad and asked if the Saddle Club would be assisting with mowing. Rachel explained that

someone had been cutting the back field for hay to help them keep it mowed. Alderman Shawn Francisco suggested that if we were going to allow it to be mowed for hay it should be bid out. After a brief discussion, the Saddle Club agreed they would no longer allow mowing for hay and would bushhog another couple of times between now and first frost.

6. Jim Seaton - Codes Enforcement gave an update on the (burned out) property on South Cedar. He advised that the owner had been sent (2) letters and had not responded. He suggested that the owner could be cited into court and fined \$50 per day until the property was cleared. If the fines are not paid, they can be added to the property taxes. He also advised that the City could sue and take the owner to Chancery Court, or follow through with the Condemnation of the Property, and the costs would fall on the City for cleaning up of property. The City could put a lien on the property for the cost to clean up. Could result in a judgement to take property. Mayor Anderson advised that a neighbor had made a reasonable offer to the owner to purchase the property and clean it up. The owner refused the offer. Since there are several vehicles / campers parked on the property could she not be cited into court on the inoperable vehicle ordinance? After some discussion, City Attorney Lowe Finney advised sending owner another letter advising her of the ordinance. Assistant Chief Mike Lowe stated that he would discuss with Chief Marcus Hopper how to proceed with citing owner into court.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Mayor Anderson advised the Board that after the city had acquired the new A-Boom Tractor / Mower, the old A-Boom Tractor had been sold on Gov-Deals for \$16,000.00. The old tractor has been picked up, and the monies should be deposited in the General Fund soon. He presented the Board with (3) Bids for a new lawnmower. A Cub Cadet for \$8,500.00, a Toro for \$8,000.00 & a Wright for \$9400.00. (Bids are attached) He suggested using ½ of the money from the sale of the old A-Boom tractor and purchasing a new lawnmower since our oldest mower needs to be replaced. After a brief discussion following the viewing of the (3) bids, a motion was made to purchase the Toro mower for \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Shawn Francisco and the motion passed.

James Hines – Yes

Shawn Francisco – Yes

Mike Stafford – Yes

Mike Bennett – Yes

Charles Anderson - Yes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Regular meeting October 19th at 5 PM.
9. Meeting adjourned 5:59 PM.