

# GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

## New Animal Ordinance



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**Animal Control Officer Shelly Furlong answered several questions posed by the Glasgow City Council on May 27.**

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Glasgow City Council met in a special-called meeting on May 27. The meeting was considered special-called due to its regular meeting date falling on Memorial Day holiday, the evening before.

In new business, the council approved the first reading of an ordinance relating to animals in the city.

While most of the original ordinance includes animal regulations for animals, including dogs, cats, fowl, and livestock, the ordinance establishes a more concrete penalty section for specific violations and removes language that required cats to be leashed. Dogs must still remain leashed at all times.

Nuisance hours are set between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. inside the city limits. Some of those nuisances include continuous barking, yelping, etc., without obvious cause, pets trespassing upon other properties, damaging or disturbing items, defecating or urinating on properties not owned by the animal owner, and chasing of any vehicle. A penalty section is also established if a female dog is not confined while

in heat.

The largest addition to the animal-related city ordinance pertains to the seizure of an animal without a warrant.

“If an Animal Control Officer (ACO) or peace officer witnesses a situation in which the ACO or peace officer determines that the health or life of an animal is in jeopardy and immediate action is required to protect the health [or] safety of the animal, the ACO or peace officer may seize the animal without a warrant; and the animal shall be immediately transported to BRAWA, where the health of the animal shall be assessed, and if necessary medical treatment rendered,” the ordinance reads.

It also provides language that removes any liability of an ACO or officer if they have acted reasonable within the course and scope of their duties, and written notice of an impoundment must be given to the seized animal owner within three days; however, such a notice could be a posting at the place of impoundment rather than a delivery to the owner, which is also an option.

Section C of Article V also provides that a lien can be placed on an animal’s property for the

expenses incurred for providing care for an impounded animal. An impounded animal cannot be released to its owner following a conviction for a violation until the lien has been satisfied, and if such expenses have not been paid within 15 days, ownership of the animal transfers to BRAWA, the local animal shelter.

ACO Shelly Furlong was present at the meeting to discuss the ordinance. She said the ordinance has not been updated since 1980.

Old business items approved included the second reading of an ordinance relating to ethical conduct code for city officials, employees, and its agencies, and a second reading of an ordinance amending the current fiscal year budget to account for \$98,400 for an interest payment on bond proceed funds.

A resolution was also approved declaring three out-of-service vehicles as surplus for the Glasgow Police Department: 2008 GMC Envoy (130,000 miles), 2006 GMC Canyon (120,000 miles), and 2013 Ford Fusion (129,000 miles).

A municipal order for the appointment of Aaron Woosley to the Board of Adjustments to fulfill the unexpired term of Jonathan Belcher, whose three-year term expires June 30, 2026, was also approved.

Nick Houchens with the Glasgow Police Department was promoted and took his oath of office as Lieutenant. Two new firefighters, Benton Estes and Luke Penrose, were also sworn in for the Glasgow Fire Department.

Near the meeting’s conclusion, Glasgow Mayor Henry Royse announced an update on the Cleveland Avenue

property, also known as the Johnson property. More details are provided in a related story this week on the planned sports complex.

In the city council meeting, however, Councilman Randy Wilkinson sought clarification on the sports complex and the presence of architect Rob Campbell with QK4 in the meeting. Royse said Campbell was present for questions as he has been

“We’re not involved in building it,” Royse said. “We’re involved in providing a place for it to be.” Royse said QK4’s involvement with the Cleveland Avenue property is for developing the property.

Wilkinson asked what part of the 161-acre property would the 15 acres be located.

“The 15 acres specifically exactly where it fits on the property has not been finally determined yet,” Campbell said. “They’ve only given us the amount of area they have to have and we’re talking through the best positioning of that. That’s something that will be a group effort.”

With the newly-hired architect that the county recently approved, Campbell said, “We can work collaboratively to pick that location.”

Councilman Freddie Norris asked, “So, the 15 acres, we don’t actually give them the 15 acres, how do you state that?”

“It’s our contribution to the project,” Royse said. “But, we’ll do that in the form of an official ordinance transaction that comes to the council when we have enough information from the architect and all that to put it into, for [City Attorney] Rich [Alexander] to write it in legal language.”



*John Ray Elmore, a Glasgow native and active real estate auctioneer, has enjoyed sharing poems he has written with friends and family. He has provided a few we will share in the coming months with our readers.*

### THE TOURNAMENT

As the sun was sinking low, they were settled into camp.

The boat was already launched and tied securely near the ramp.

The camp fire was burning brightly as the shadows danced around.

Over the horizon you could see the lights from a not to distant town.

It was the night before the big fishing contest. We all had visions of doing our best.

It seemed everyone was turning in early trying to get plenty of rest.

For tomorrow would be a long hard day that would put you to the test.

Now the sun was coming up the start of a brand new day.

We lined up and blasted off as each went their separate way.

It was a long hard grueling day the fish were really had to come by.

And the sun was beginning to slowly fall far off in the western sky.

The tournament was over and all the fish were weighted.

And the winners were declared and all the money was paid.

We didn’t win anything but fond memories would remain.

Of a great weekend with nature that we hoped to do again.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading and adoption of the Barren County proposed budget ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026 is scheduled to be held in the Fiscal Court Chambers, Third Floor, Barren County Government Center, on the 17th day of June, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF BARREN COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Fiscal Court on the 29th day of April, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on or about the 21st day of May, 2025.

**SECTION ONE.** The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

#### GENERAL FUND

General Government	\$ 5,314,784.00
Protection to Persons and Property	\$ 1,083,281.69
General Health and Sanitation	\$ 441,676.49
Social Services	\$ 80,173.00
Recreation and Culture	\$ 627,090.00
Debt Service	\$ 658,110.00
Capital Projects	\$ 24,000.00
Administration	\$ 2,713,591.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,942,706.78</b>

#### ROAD FUND

Roads	\$ 3,916,100.00
Administration	\$ 421,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,337,300.00</b>

#### JAIL FUND

Protection to Persons and Property	\$ 3,116,290.35
Debt Service	\$ 6,500.00
Administration	\$ 998,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,121,590.35</b>

#### LGEA FUND

Administration	\$ 130,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 130,000.00</b>

#### FEDERAL GRANTS

Administration	\$ 1,156,268.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,268.62</b>

#### DRUG FORFEITURE FUND

Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 14,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>

#### HISEVILLE CEMETERY FUND

Social Services	\$ 16,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,800.00</b>

#### ABC FUND

General Government	\$ 2,660.00
Social Services	\$ 20,000.00
Administration	\$ 117,340.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140,000.00</b>

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Administration	\$ 394,199.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 394,199.97</b>

#### SAMSON ST JAIL BOND FUND

Debt Service	\$ 381,265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 381,265.00</b>

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Barren County are hereby notified that a copy of the county’s proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive, 117 North Public Square, Suite 3A, Glasgow, KY, during normal business hours.

## Harper named 2025 Coca-Cola Scholar

### Submitted News

Grant Harper, a senior at Barren County High School in Glasgow, Kentucky, has been recognized as one of the country’s most outstanding high school leaders by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and has been awarded a \$20,000 college scholarship. These 150 students, who were selected from an initial pool of 105,000+ applications from across the country, not only exemplify superior leadership, service, and academics, they are also change agents, positively affecting others in their communities.

Grant attended the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend in Atlanta, April 3-6, 2025,

where he participated in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni. Collectively, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will award \$3.1 million in college scholarships to these outstanding young leaders.

A joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2025 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 7050 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$84 million in scholarships over the course



of 36 years.

In addition to receiving college scholarships, those students selected as Coca-Cola Scholars will be welcomed into a vibrant and growing community of alumni that has become a powerful force for positive change in the world. Through networking, collaborations, and friendships, the group

strives to make a greater impact together. Recent initiatives include a podcast called The SIP (The Coke Scholars Ignite Podcast) and the ninth year of a coaching program that partners seasoned alumni with first-year Scholars as they transition to college. Every 5 years, all alumni are invited to a Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Summit.