

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2025 · Glasgow Town Event Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: Mayor: Paul Williams Town Council: Vice-Mayor Tom Camden, Brandell Branch, Kent Dunn, Natalie Harris, Marcie Hill, Lisa Rogers

Planning Commission: Chair Deborah Farina, Billy Thomas Laura Thomas, Vice-Mayor Tom Camden, Natalie Harris

Staff: Allyson Finchum, Town Manager/Town Clerk

Call to Order Town Council

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a prayer offered by Mr. Branch. The regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Williams at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order Planning Commission — called by Planning Commission Chair Deborah Farina

for special called Joint Meeting at 7:00 PM.

Presentations/Public Comment

Garrett Clower, Pastor of Natural Bridge Christian Fellowship presented information on new outreach services the church will be providing in Glasgow. The church has acquired part of the old Glasgow Fire Station on Powhatan Street and free services to the community include tutoring for children; weekly community meals; school supplies year-round; clothing and essentials; an emergency shelter support hotline to connect people with support for drug addiction recovery, suicide prevention, and family crisis intervention; a safe room for domestic violence victims; baby formula and food pantry; youth and teen events; partnering with local schools to fill clothing needs; and a mobile outreach trailer with food, clothing, other supplies and information.

Tony McFaddin, resident, spoke about an issue with the property adjacent to his land that he considers contains weeds and he requested corrective action by the Town.

Appointments

None

Proclamations

None

Public Hearing

TXT-03-2025 - An ordinance to amend Chapter 18 Zoning of the Code of The Town of Glasgow, Virginia, by amending Article II Residential District R-1, Section 18-15. Permitted Uses, and Article III Residential District R-2, Section 18-23. Permitted Uses and Article IV Commercial District C-1, Section 18-31 Permitted Uses Enumerated, by adding Outdoor Storage as an Accessory Use, subject to Standards. The purpose of the amendment is to allow Outdoor Storage as an accessory residential and commercial use subject to standards, where such use is not currently allowed by the ordinance.

The Town Manager provided a staff report. She said this amendment would provide a specified amount of outdoor storage on parcels in Town.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 7:25 pm. Barry Staton, citizen, said 50 square feet is not enough space for outdoor storage. The Town Manager stated that currently outdoor storage of certain items is not allowed.

Discussion ensued amongst the public, Planning Commission, and Town Council about the appropriate amount of outdoor storage.

Vice-Mayor and Member of the Planning Commission, Tom Camden suggested that the Planning Commission continue to review the draft ordinance prior to their recommendation and delay moving it forward for Town Council decision.

The Planning Commission unanimously tabled the discussion of the issue until the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on October 21, 2025, at 4:30 PM. The draft amendment did not move forward to the Town Council for discussion and decision.

The public hearing remains open until the next joint Planning Commission/Town Council meeting scheduled for November 11, 2025, at 7 PM.

Adjournment of Special Called Joint Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Town Council Meeting Reconvened

The regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:47 PM

Public Hearing

a. TXT-04-2025 - An ordinance to amend the Code of The Town of Glasgow, Virginia,

by repealing and replacing Chapter 4-Animals and Fowl. The purpose of the amendment is to update the chapter to address barking dogs, nuisances, and dogs running at large/leash laws.

The Town Manager provided a report about the draft ordinance. The Planning Commission reviewed and revised the draft ordinance over several months in several meetings. The revised sections include leash laws and violations for barking dogs. Other sections of the current Animals and Fowl! Ordinance were not updated. The Town

Manager stated that the county Animal Control Officers enforce the county ordinance, and the Town does not presently employ an Animal Control Officer therefore the proposed ordinances weren't enforceable by the Town but only by the county at this time. The county is not obligated to enforce Town ordinances. She said the ordinance on barking dogs could be enforced by citizens at their personal expense as the ordinance states.

The public hearing was opened. Chris Springer, citizen, spoke about concern of the proposed limitation of three (3) dogs.

b. TXT-05-2025 - An ordinance to amend the Code of The Town of Glasgow, Virginia,

by repealing Chapter 11. Nuisances and replacing with Chapter 11 Nuisances and Maintenance of Property. The purpose of the amendment is to reference the specific property maintenance issues and violations including nuisances, inoperable vehicles, junk, tall grass and weeds, and trash and unsafe structures, as specified in Section

15.2-900 through 15.2-907.1 of the Code of Virginia. The Chapter also identifies notification requirements, corrective actions, penalties and remedies available to the town to abate violations.

The Town Manager provided a report on the draft ordinance. The Planning Commission reviewed and revised the draft ordinance over several months in several meetings. The ordinance updates the various property maintenance issues to conform with the most recent state law.

New Business - Discussion and Decision on Public Hearing Items

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by repealing and replacing Chapter 4-Animals and Fowl. The purpose of the amendment is to update the chapter to address barking dogs, nuisances, and dogs running at large/leash laws.

Discussion ensued and the Town Council deferred action and sent the draft ordinance to the Planning Commission for further review.

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Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Tom Camden motioned to approve the draft ordinance as presented in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare. Seconded by Natalie Harris. The motion passed unanimously. No further discussion.

Review and Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2025

A motion was made by Ms. Lisa Rogers, seconded by Vice-Mayor Tom Camden to approve the minutes of September 9, 2025, Town Council meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Updates

a. Public Safety Report

The September 2025 call report was submitted by Rockbridge County. No significant issues.

b. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mayor Williams stated there was no activity by the Parks and Recreation Committee this month.

c. Public Works and Utilities

The Public Works report was presented by Mayor Williams. The seasonal grass mowing and weed eating continue. Staff completed monthly water meter report readings, manual readings, notices of delinquent bills, and water cut-offs. Repairs at the sewer plant were performed. Water and sewer line repairs throughout Town were completed as necessary.

Chris Flint, Public Works Supervisor, continued, on behalf of the Town, to assist Wells Construction with the waterline project.

IES is the new contract operator for the Town of Glasgow water and sewer system.

d. Treasurer's Report

A Budget Summary Report and information on expenses over \$500 were provided in the packet.

e. Planning Commission

Vice-Mayor Tom Camden provided an update on the Planning Commission activities. The Planning Commission met to continue review of the draft ordinances on animal control, property maintenance, and outdoor storage.

f. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Finchum reported that improvements to the Town property and buildings continue.

Staff continue to address existing code violations and concerns. Violation notices will be sent to address issues following adoption of Town ordinances.

Maintenance and repairs of the Town utility plant are ongoing.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment Period

Ms. Carter, resident, is concerned that her water bill is too high.

Council requested staff to review.

Other Council Comments

Vice-Mayor Tom Camden and Council thanked employees Chris Flint and Ben Williams for working with Wells Construction on the waterline project.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Approved minutes for the Town Council Regular Meeting held October 14, 2025.

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