

The Glasgow City Council went into closed session last night. Once the council reopened the session, the first reading of two ordinances passed that would result in a \$100,000 forgivable loan from the Glasgow Economic Development Fund to MedCare Pharmacy which would not only help to retain 88 jobs, but also create 15 more. Glasgow Mayor, Rhonda Trautman, explained to WCLU Local News the reason for the actions taken.

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In other items on the agenda, the first reading of a series of three ordinances passed that would allow for the practice of targeted grazing involving goats. Local businessman, Al Dilley, brought the issue to the council in September. Dilley has researched this method as a way of clearing unwanted growth in areas that machinery and vehicles could not access, and as a more “green”, eco-friendly way to clear out such areas.

Also, Billy Ray with the Glasgow Electric Plant Board, gave his annual report on the city-owned agency. Ray explained to the council that based on their efforts, EPB customers are saving an estimated \$3 Million each year when compared to what other companies around the country would charge for Electricity, Cable Television, and Internet services. He also said that they maintain around 7,200 subscribers of cable television amidst heavy competition from phone companies and satellite providers.

A big round of applause was given to Kurt Frey, a long-time employee of the Glasgow Public Works Division, after Mayor Trautman swore him in as Superintendent of that department.