The Glasgow City Council approved the creation of the city's Storm Water Management Program last night in what was the last City Council Meeting for outgoing members William Webb, Linda Wells, Doug Isenberg, and Eldon Smith before newly-elected council members Shelia Oliver, Dick Doty, Karalee Oldhenkamp, and Joe Trigg are sworn in on December 27th. The Program was established by way of an ordinance which, among several items, included the means by which Storm Water Management will be funded. Funding will be generated by a Storm Water Management Fee which will be assessed to property owners. The billing cycle for these fees will begin in April of next year.

Residential property owners will pay $24 per year for each property they own. The property categories of Religious, City, Federal, County, Education, and Other will be billed $180 annually. Councilman Wendell Honeycutt made a motion to amend the ordinance in several areas. As for the fee section, Honeycutt recommended that the Commercial Property fees for property fewer than 50,000 square feet be broken down into three categories so that small commercial property owners would not be assessed the same fee as owners of larger properties.

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Another amendment made by Honeycutt was to stop collecting fees at the end of 2016.

He along with Councilman Isenberg discussed the reasons for the change in Infrastructure

Committee meetings. Isenberg says this will allow the council to readdress the funding

aspect of Storm Water Management once certain projects are completed such as areas

around North Race Street and the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

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Councilman Jim Marion agreed that the amendment was wise, due to the public

perception on the issue.

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Isenberg reiterated that he believed a fee was the best option to fund Storm Water Management based on his and others' research over the last 10 years.

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Both the amendments and ordinance passed to create a Storm Water Management Program in the city of Glasgow.