

Everything that needed to be said about the City of Glasgow's budget for the upcoming fiscal year was apparently stated two weeks ago during the first reading and public hearing on the budget. The budget went to a role call vote without further discussion last night and passed by a narrow 7 to 5 margin at the Glasgow City Council meeting.

If you remember from the last meeting, several council members expressed their concern with a carryover in the general fund that is projected at just over \$600,000. Essentially, the City of Glasgow expects to spend more than it brings in; a difference of approximately \$1.2 Million, depleting the "rainy day fund" to less than \$1 Million.

Glasgow Mayor, Rhonda Trautman, expects the outcome to be better than what is projected and praises the diligent efforts made by those who prepared the budget.

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The minority 5 Council Members opposing the budget were Joe Trigg, Shelia Oliver, Dick Doty, Stacy Hammer, and Karalee Oldenkamp.

Later, Trautman added that a special meeting of the Finance Committee was held prior to last night's meeting since the first reading of the budget to hear suggestions on how to make further cuts, given the level of contention it received at the previous regular meeting. The mayor told WCLU News that none of those opposed to the budget offered any proposal to improving the bottom line."

At the conclusion of last night's agenda, Mayor Trautman presented David Honeycutt with a plaque on behalf of the city, thanking him for 21 years of service. Honeycutt thanked several for allowing him to serve. He is retiring as the city's building inspector.

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