

Providence Council Fills Vacant Mayoral Seat

Providence City Council spent just 12 minutes in a closed session to discuss candidates to fill the unexpired mayor's term that was vacated by the resignation of James "Butch" Hackney in late April and announced at the May 5, council meeting.

When the council convened Monday night, they approved minutes from a previous before going into a closed session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f)—matters related to personnel at 6:01 p.m., but they had told the public on May 5, that would be the manner in which they handled discussing possible candidates to fill Hackney's expired term and fill the mayor's seat.

The council returned to open session at 6:13 p.m. with councilman Scott Frederick nominating Tom Glover to fill the vacancy. Frederick's motion received a second and the council voted unanimously for Glover. The local pharmacist was one of five individuals the council considered for the position. According to clerk Tiffany Conrad, initially six individual submitted letters of interest, but prior to the council meeting one of those withdrew a request to be considered.

Following the vote Conrad issued the oath of office to Glover who addressed a group of about 30 local residents who were present, noting "I just want to say Paula (his wife) and I

thought a lot about this. She encouraged me and I've prayed about it. We have a wonderful town, and the people of Providence have been so kind." Glover stressed, "I have no agenda, but I come with a lot of vision. I appreciate the council's vote of support. We will lead this town together." The new mayor then took his seat at the table.

The council then moved on to other business including hearing concerns from three community members.

Marie Cline addressed the council to ask for the city's help in taking care of an issue with heavy trucks on Locust Street. She told the group that the trucks are making a turn on to Locust Street and running over the sidewalk damaging it. She also reported that she believes the trucks are overweight and too heavy to cross the bridge in that area as well as damaging sewer lines. Glover told Cline the city will look into the issue.

Steve Goolsby also addressed the council on several matters. The first regarded the fact that it is difficult for he and others to hear the business the council is discussing at their meetings. He asked that microphones and speakers be added.

Goolsby also asked that the city consider putting in a cross walk near his shop on Main Street. He noted that



TOM GLOVER, A longtime business man in Providence, was sworn in as the city's new mayor on Monday night. Glover was one of five individuals begin considered for the position after former mayor Butch Hackney resigned last month due to health reasons. Glover will fill Hackney's unexpired term which ends in December 2026. Clerk Tiffany Conrad issued the oath of office.

since school is out children frequently cross the street and he fears someone will be hit by a vehicle. Goolsby also addressed citizens mowing their yards and blowing the grass clippings into the street, creating a danger for motorcyclists. Glover told Goolsby the city will work on those issues.

Darrell Guinn also addressed the council regarding what he said was a "deal" he had with the previous mayor regarding upkeep on a ditch near his home in the Maple and Green streets area. According to Guinn, the city is supposed to maintain the ditch by mowing and picking up debris in the area, but that is not being done. He add-

ed that he pays extra every month to have his part of the ditch area mowed, but because other parts are not being maintained a snake and mosquito problem exists. In one area, the overgrowth is blocking the view of a stop sign, Guinn said. The mayor asked that Guinn give him time to see what the city can do to take

care of the problem.

Before the meeting adjourned, former councilmember Mike Syers told Glover, "You have my full support and I will do what I can to help."

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 with the next regular meeting set for June 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Pleas Entered In Webster County Circuit Court

Webster County Circuit Court convened on May 15, with the honorable Judge Daniel Heady presiding. Three individuals appeared before Judge Heady to enter pleas.

In the case of Joseph L. McBride, the defendant withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty of to a charge of flagrant non-support. McBride was adjudged guilty of the charge and ordered to pay \$165 in court costs and \$500 in fees. He was also sentenced to five years in prison probated for a period of five years.

Courtney Leanne Stone withdrew her not guilty plea on multiple

charges and entered a plea of guilty to first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, opiate; drug paraphernalia buy/possess; possession of marijuana and attempted tampering with physical evidence. She was found guilty of all charges and sentenced to three years incarcerated probated but to run consecutively will al other cases. Stone's order of probation calls for her to abide by all conditions set forth in her order of probation and be supervised by Probation and Parole; she was ordered to remain in jail

until May 22, when she will be turned over to Communicare East and successfully complete LT treatment for 12 months plus six months of aftercare as setforth by MBC Outreach and Recovery.

In a separate, Stone entered a guilty plea to charges of fleeing/evading police third degree; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense; drug paraphernalia buy/possess possession of marijuana; and controlled substance prescription not in original container. She was ordered to pay court costs and sentenced to three year's probated with the sentence to run con-

currently with all other sentences.

Pre-trial diversion was granted in the case of X Robert Royster, IV. The period of

diversion will be five years with Royster IV ordered to complete drug/alcohol assessment by MBC Outreach and complete whatever

treatment deemed appropriate and/or drug court. If he is incarcerated, he is to remain in jail until an assessment or bed is available.

Soybean Board Seeking National Board Canddiates

The Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board (KSPB) is looking for farmers from diverse backgrounds interested in serving on the United Soybean Board (USB).

The Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board manages and invests Kentucky soybean checkoff funds in research, promotion and education programs that enhance soybean production and use along with programs that support national and international market development. The soy checkoff funds market development, soybean production and profitability research, promotion, issues management and analysis, communication and education. Similarly, the United Soybean Board oversees national check-off funds in these same segments of the value chain. Checkoff funds may not, by law, be used for policy or lobbying efforts at either the state nor national level. For more information about USB, visit www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms.

All soybean farmers in the country have the opportunity to be nominated for consid-

eration by the Qualified State Soybean Boards and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for service on the United Soybean Board. We welcome all farmers to participate on our state and national soybean boards. We're at our best when we embrace and encourage different backgrounds and perspectives. To be considered for a position, farmers must complete the required application and Form LP-17 (Nominee's Agreement to Serve) documentation, which can be found at that same website.

USB board members are expected to attend at least three meetings a year (February, July and December), participate in conference calls and represent the industry to others. Volunteer board members may also be required to

travel on behalf of the United Soybean Board in support of committee or other industry-related meetings. Serving on the United Soybean Board is a commitment of time and talent to the entire U.S. soybean industry, representing over 500,000 growers.

Representation is based on production, and Kentucky currently has three USB directors. In years when there is a board seat coming available, the KSPB will submit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture the names of two potential nominees. The Secretary of Agriculture will make the final appointment. The chosen individual will begin serving a three-year term in December and will be eligible to serve up to two additional terms.



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

God Treasures Your Life, Even when You're In A Nursing Home Bed

Q: I'm old, tired and lonely. Day after day, I lay on my bed in this nursing home. I'm not doing anybody any good. I only take up space and have to be cared for. Why can't I just close my eyes and go to sleep and wake up in heaven?

A: I sympathize with you. Like most, I want to grow old and then, lay across my bed for a nap and not wake up. That would be glorious! But we often do not get our druthers. We have to play the hand dealt us.

One thing is for sure, God treasures your life. David, the psalmist, spoke of God's blessings in every stage of life. "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my

life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (23:6).

Your life is still of value to God and others. God still has a plan and purpose for your life. You can greatly help others by praying for them. When God's children pray, He hears and it changes people and things.

You can smile and encourage the staff who attend to your needs. A warm smile and a friendly word can make an attendant's day.

Perhaps, God still has you here to share your faith with a grandchild, a nurse, or a nursing home volunteer. Your faith story is unique and will influence the lives of those you speak to. Pray for an individual, cultivate a relationship with him, then, share God's love and the "Good News" with them.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Webster County Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, to include unanticipated receipts from General Fund in the amount of \$8,300.00, Jail Fund in the amount of \$44,018.00, Road Fund in the amount of \$3,235.00, and LGEA Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 increasing expenditures total to \$60,553.00, will be held Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Webster County Senior Center. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.