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Glasgow’s Town Manager tendered his resignation Monday afternoon, August 17th, after helming Town Hall for nearly a year and a half.

Mr. Pollitt said he felt the right next opportunity came along and the time had come for him to move on. He will take the Town Manager opportunity in Tappahannock, Virginia. He will step away from the position officially on September 25th, giving Glasgow Town Council over 30 days to develop a plan to find a replacement.

“There is never the perfect time for change, however I am here to help in any way I may in preparation for the next Town Manager,” wrote Mr. Pollitt. “I appreciate the support I have received from several Council Members while in Glasgow and especially our incredible staff. I have enjoyed my time in Glasgow and in the Rockbridge Region immensely and am looking forward to watching the Town continue to grow and prosper. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community ”

Councilman Andy Ryan stated “It has been a great honor and privilege to be in this role with Eric as our Town Manager — there is no equal. He had to build the administration of this Town from the ground up. This has been a major accomplishment and Eric needs to be commended for the amount of progress that has been made since he started.”

“When I called Eric about the job, I told him we wanted and needed a new start and that is exactly what he did for us. We got more done under his tenure than any other Town Manager I can remember. I want to thank him for his impactful service to our Town and I wish him the very best as he takes the next step forward in life,” said Councilman Sonny Williams.

Town Manager Pollitt stated in his resignation letter to Council “I am proud of the accomplishments we achieved together.” He continued to discuss how the



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achievements made under his leadership will impact and continue to improve the community for decades. “Together we changed the perception and trajectory of the community for the better... The development of the events facility Locher Field which lead to the County Fair coming to Town, the Town’s Charter being updated, and the future fruits of the CDBG Planning Grant for the Town’s business district will benefit the community for decades to come.”

Other accomplishments Town Manager Pollitt noted in his letter were the creation of the new website, implementing organizational and administrative structure through committees and staff, hosting the first annual Council retreat for goal setting, construction of the VDOT Multi-Purpose Trail, creation of the community’s first summer concert series “Rockin’ the Gorge”, switching to Corner Stone Bank saving and earning more money, and increasing revenue by implementing the Town’s first delinquent tax program collecting on cases over 15 years old. He also noted how the Town’s park system finally received the attention it deserved with new paint for the metal playground equipment, re-staining of the picnic shelters, and transformation of the basketball court which now has two full-sized courts with painted lines. Town Hall received long overdue renovations, updating the interior and creating a safer environment for staff in the pandemic. Lastly, Town Manager Pollitt commented on how he improved the budget process for Glasgow with transparency and technology, created the Town’s first 5-year capital improvement plan, and most importantly shaped the budget for long-term financial sustainability.

Glasgow Mayor Shane Watts said Glasgow was lucky to have outgoing Town Manager Pollitt. “We were lucky to have Eric begin his career here; he did a great job and he is going to be hard to replace. He got a much better opportunity for his family and we wish him the best. I know he will have a very successful career.”

Mr. Pollitt said he is excited about his new opportunity. “I am truly humbled to be selected as the next Town Manager for Tappahannock,” Mr. Pollitt said. “It is my desire to serve the residents, staff and elected officials with excellence. A kindness can be felt throughout the community and I look forward to contributing to the culture of ‘Rivah Life.’ My girlfriend and I are thrilled about the journey ahead and we cannot wait to call Tappahannock home.”

Please contact Mayor Watts or Town Manager Pollitt if you have further questions.