

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 13, 2023

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:30pm in the City Council Chambers of the Glen Dale City Building. Those in Attendance were Mayor Scott, Councilors Anderson, English, Richmond and Zinn. Also present were Chief of Police Vogler, City Clerk Yoho, City Attorney Potts, and City Accountant Abraham. Absent were City Recorder Trembush, Councilor Cunningham, Water Superintendent Orlofske, and Street Commissioner Byers.

Mayor Scott announced Councilor Richmond will be the acting recording secretary for this meeting due to the absence of Recorder Trembush.

The minutes of the Monday, January 23, 2023 City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion by Councilor Zinn and seconded by Councilor English to accept the minutes as presented.
Vote: Unanimous

During the general public hearing, Sanitary Board Member Russ Niehaus addressed council about concerns related to the property at Highline-Warren Distribution and the letter the city received about use of city property and prior land agreements. Mayor Scott advised Mr Niehaus the city attorney is looking into the matter.

Rev. Moon was present representing the Glen Dale Methodist Church. He is interested in having an Easter Egg Hunt for the community and asked council for some ideas where would be a good place in the city to have this kind of event. Rev. Moon was advised to talk with Father John Ledford at St Jude Church about the use of St Jude Park or even getting together to get both church communities involved.

Under reports of committees, Councilor Richmond reported to council that the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department has seen a rise in fire calls recently in the area and wants to remind the public if there is anyone who would like to join the fire department they are always looking for those that are interested in joining also the annual Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department steak fry will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at St Jude Hall and the tickets will be available for sale from fire department members in the near future. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

City Accountant Michael Abraham presented the financial reports of all city accounts giving an overall view of current financial situation. Motion by Councilor Anderson and seconded by Councilor English to accept the financial report as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Anderson reported that the city recreation board has met recently and has interviewed people for management for the city pool for the upcoming year. A letter was received from the city recreation board committee chairman Tom Cook and the committee would like to recommend Leesha Bonar-Roush for the position of city pool manager at \$13.50 per hour and Larry Defibaugh as city assistant pool manager at \$11.50 per hour. Motion by Councilman Zinn and seconded by Councilman English to accept the recommendation and hire Ms. Roush as pool manager and Mr. Defibaugh as the assistant pool manager for the upcoming pool season.

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Richmond reported on some information he received from Nila about the Cockayne Farmstead and Nila would like to meet with council in the near future to discuss happenings.

City Attorney Potts reported about receiving information request from Attorney Paul Harris about water testing. Mr. Harris was referred to contact Water Superintendent Orlofske.

City Attorney Potts gave the city a settlement to review which was received from the State Attorney General Office in reference to Walgreens. Attorney Potts also handed out information to review about streets and alleys abandonments. The information will be prepared for an ordinance for 1st reading at the next council meeting.

City Attorney Potts reported he has received WV unemployment hearing documents recently which will be placed on file with the city.

Motion by Councilman Zinn and seconded by Councilman English to accept the Committee reports as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Under unfinished business, Councilor Anderson reported that Mr. Paul Smith is still working on some issues with the website and hopefully he will have everything in order soon and reminds council members to set up their city email accounts.

Under new business, Mayor Scott advised council that interviews were conducted recently and Police Chief Vogler has recommended to her the name of Wyatt Setterstorm to be hired as a full-time dispatcher to fill the recent open position. Motion by Councilor English and seconded by Councilor Anderson to accept the recommendation and hire Mr. Setterstorm as a full-time dispatcher. Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Scott reported that Police Chief Vogler has recommended Dispatcher Logan Rich to fill the vacant Assistant Dispatch Supervisor position. Motion was made by Councilor English and seconded by Councilor Zinn to accept the recommendation and to appoint Logan Rich to the position of Assistant Dispatch Supervisor. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and seconded by Councilor English to table discussion on dental and vision benefits and have that addressed by the finance committee. Vote: Unanimous

A donation request was received from Sherrard Middle School Boosters about a pool pass. That request was referred to the City Recreation board for recommendation.

Under Mayor Items, Mayor Scott received a letter from a Moundsville group requesting to place a bench in memory of a previous member of their group in one of our city parks. That request was referred to the City Recreation board for recommendations.

Mayor Scott reported a request was received about financial assistance to the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association for the upcoming season. That request was referred to the City Finance Committee for further review.

Mayor Scott stated the city has received complaints about a large flock of deer damaging personal properties in the city. These animals and others are gathering due to citizens placing food outside drawing many of them into residential areas. Chief Vogler was asked to discuss this situation with local residents.

Mayor Scott stated that she received word from Wilson Blacktop and Paving that the upcoming paving project will start sometime in May. Councilor Richmond reported that if funds are available he would like council to review for paving Lindy Lane from Wheeling Ave to Tomlinson Ave. this area has many pot holes and it has been reported that there has been two incidence where a subject fell in the alley. Councilor English would like the water superintendant and street commissioner to check out Fifth Street from Center Ave to Baltimore Ave for sink holes.

Mayor Scott said she would like to look into a new dumpster usage plan for use by citizens of the city under controlled time and use. The Mayor will talk with the water superintendant and street commissioner about developing a controlled action plan and will report back to city council.

Under Council items, A motion was made by Councilor English and seconded by Councilor Anderson to go into executive session for personnel issues at 8:52pm Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor English and seconded by Councilor Anderson to come out of executive session at 9:30pm Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and seconded by Councilor Anderson That all departments and employees of the City of Glen Dale including but not limited to Streets, Sanitation, Water, Sanitary, Police, Fire, Dispatch, and City Hall will run on the same payroll period starting the week on Sunday's at 0001 hours and ending of Saturday's at 2359 hours. Vote: Unanimous

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Anderson and 2nd by Councilman English. Vote: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.



Janet Scott, Mayor



Lewis E. Richmond, Councilor and
Acting Recording Secretary