

## Glen Dale City Council Minutes

08/28/23

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:00pm in council chambers at the city building.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott at 6pm in council chambers. Present were Councilmen Eric Anderson, Tom Cook, Eric Cunningham, and John Zinn. Also present were Attorney Potts, Accountant Abraham, Police Chief Vogler, City Clerk Yoho, Water Superintendent Orlofske, Street Commissioner Caldwell, and Mayor Scott.

Absent were: Councilmen English and Richmond

*City Recorder*

City Clerk Yoho swore in Tom Cook to the open council seat set to expire June 30, 2026.

The minutes from the August 14, 2023 were presented to council for review. Zinn moved to accept and Anderson seconded the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

General Public Hearing: NR

Committee Reports:

Fire Dept: NR

Streets and Alleys: Written report provided

Finance: Accountant Abraham provided financial reports with balances showing as:

Truist Account: \$893,037.95, Main St Bank: \$209,170.02, and WV State Treasurers \$383,422.11

For total of: \$1,485,630.08

Anderson moved to accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Cook, motion carried.

Water: written report supplied

Sanitary Board: written report supplied

Permits: written report supplied

Traffic: Chief Vogler reported they are still seeking a crossing guard.

Property: NR

Parks and Recreation: Cook reported a new chair for Parks and Rec will be forthcoming with his appointment to council. Cook reported that it was a great season at the pool. On August 23 members of Park and Rec along with Mayor Scott met with associates from McKinley and Brandstetter on the pool study. Analysis was provided and documented on needs at the city pool. With focus on the baby pool filtration system, ADA compliance, and the decking as main components. A meeting is planned for September 15 to review costs associated with the upgrades. The deadline to apply for a Land and Water grant is November 1, 2023. The committee will make a recommendation after the September 15 meeting.

Zoning Appeals: NR

Planning Commission: NR

Building Enforcement: NR

Emergency Services: NR

Economic Development Interim Committee: NR

Historical Society: Chief Vogler mentioned a WW II event is planned in September.

Building Commission: NR

Legal: Attorney Potts reported a review on the Abandon Property Notice has been done. Potts reported that communication with G Lofstead/Warren Distribution has taken place regarding land acquisition.

Warren has expressed interest in gaining more property near their current footprint.

Potts reported a class action suit against Dollar Bank is no cause for concern as the city has not had accounts with them.

Potts reported the easement/ROW request of the Rockie property is still under review by the property owner.

Zinn moved to accept the committee reports as presented, Cook seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on the policy manual updates. Attorney Potts advised that sections can be approved as the review continues.

Zinn moved to accept the update to the Overtime/Holiday pay policy. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Pool Phase 1 Renovation- Cook moved to table the renovation request until more info is gathered. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Re-stripping of the Basketball Court: Cook moved to table, Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Water Superintendent Orlofske requested that Data Max be contracted to collect outstanding debt.

Zinn moved to contract with Data Max, seconded by Cook. Motion carried.

First Reading of Sewer Rate Increase: Jim Kelch presented information and the need to increase sewer rates to bring up to statutory code. The previous ordinance approved has been determined to not be sufficient and was calculated on inaccurate information. Bookkeeping errors were noted as to the miscalculations. The previous ordinance approved was to create \$54k in revenue and the result has been \$38k. Mr. Kelch indicated a new rate, as supplied by accountant Abraham will increase rates 22.8% and will allow for sufficient funds and bring up to statute. The increase will cause for a \$5.17 per month increase for the average household, and a \$3.04 per month increase for minimum users. Mr. Kelch's office will notify all parties of the increase once adopted. Public Comment on the increase is to take place on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:30pm. Final adoption to take place the same day.

A motion to accept the new sewer rate was made by Zinn, and seconded by Cook. A roll call vote was taken: In favor, Anderson, Cook, Zinn. Motion passed.

A request for consideration of a donation to the Irish Road Bowling event in Glen Dale. Cunningham moved to donate \$100, Cook seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on rebidding of the street sweepers. Cunningham moved to rebid, Zinn seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Items: The 911 Mutual Aid Agreement has been completed and is in effect.

Council Items: Anderson noted a walk through with Warren Distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm.

Cook thanked council for the appointment to council and looks forward to working for the betterment of the city.

Anderson moved to adjourn at 6:55pm, Cunningham seconded. Motion carried.

Next council meeting is scheduled for 6pm, September 11, 2023

Supplied by Eric Anderson



Eric Anderson  
Scott M. Scott, Mayor