

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 22, 2024

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers of the Glen Dale City Building. Those in Attendance were Mayor Scott, Recorder Richmond, Councilors Anderson, Cook, English and Zinn. Also present were Chief of Police Vogler, City Clerk Rentfrow, City Attorney Potts and City Accountant Abraham. Absent were Councilor Cunningham, Street Commissioner Caldwell, and Water Superintendent Orlofske.

The minutes of the Monday, January 8th, 2024 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 with the clarification of when the police department reports are due to be presented to council.

Vote: Unanimous

General public hearing – Mayor Scott gave those in attendance the opportunity to speak.

No public comments were received

Reports from committees – Mayor Scott requested reports from committees

Fire Department – Recorder Richmond handed out to all members of city council the total emergency calls from year 2023 for service from the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department. Total amount of calls were 557 out of which 361 calls were for Emergency Medical Services and 196 calls were for Fire and/or Rescue related services.

Recorder Richmond advised City Council that the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department Steak Fry date has been set for March 23, 2024 at St Jude Hall in Glen Dale. The steak fry is the main fund raiser of the year for fire department and tickets will be available from members of the fire department in the near future.

Streets and Alleys – City Employee Mr. Adam Parson who oversees the city sanitation dumpster program presented to city council an update on residential and commercial revenues collected from the city's dumpster rentals and special pickups since October 1st, 2023. Mr. Parson did present some options to the city council to consider in the future about offering limited and/or restricted public dumpsters for use during certain hours and days by residents living within the Glen Dale city limits who also does pay a current sanitation monthly bill.

Finance - City Accountant Michael Abraham presented the financial reports of all city accounts giving an overall view of current financial situation. Motion was made by Councilor English and was seconded by Councilor Zinn to accept the financial report and statements as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Water and Sanitary – Mr. Russ Niehaus, a member of the City's Sanitary Board discussed with city council about difficulties the board is having with maintaining the required working capital reserve fund which is required by the state. City Attorney Potts stated that these requirements are currently under review by the state legislature during the current legislative session under WV Senate Bill (SB#234).

Traffic Commission – Police Chief Vogler gave each member of council a report covering the total yearly summary of calls and complaints received for calendar year 2023. There was a total of 90 cases that were investigated by the police department along with 72 subjects being arrested and a total of 532 traffic citations were issued. The Chief also submitted a report covering calls and complaints from 01-01-2024 to 01-17-2024.

Parks & Recreation – Councilor Anderson stated the Park and Recreation committee did meet on January 22nd and the Pool Manager and Assistant Manager from the previous year have agreed to return for the 2024 pool season.

The committee would like the city to begin advertising to fill the positions of life guards and concession workers. The committee is also developing a list for possible funding opportunities to assist with the pool renovation.

Historical Society - Mayor Scott informed City Council that the Cockayne Farmstead Committee is requesting a meeting with city council to discuss their plans for the near future.

Legal – Mayor Scott asked City Attorney Potts about questions that she received from the Sanitary Board and if there was any update on the property Highline Warren is using that belongs to the city. Attorney Potts had no updates recently but will reach out again in order to begin a written formal agreement.

Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor Cook to accept all the committee reports as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

Unfinished business –

None

New business –

City Clerk Rentfrow gave detailed information and reasons to city council for presenting General Fund Budget Revision #4.

Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Cook to approve General Fund Budget Revision #4 as presented. Roll Call vote was requested – Councilor Anderson – Yes, Councilor Cook – Yes, Councilor English – Yes, and Councilor Zinn – Yes

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Scott called upon City Attorney Potts to read proposed amendment to the ordinance by title for the first reading.

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLEN DALE, WEST VIRGINIA, TO AMEND
ARTICLE 533 TO INCLUDE THE CREATION OF ARTICLE 533.13
PROHIBITED PUBLIC CAMPING”.**

A motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor Cook to adopt this amendment to the ordinance as presented for its first reading.

Vote: Unanimous

Under Mayor’s items –

Mayor Scott advised city council that a joint committee has been formed to start a discussion on renovations or the construction of a new city building complex. Fire Chief Schoene agreed to chair this committee and will meet on February 5th, 2024.

Mayor Scott stated she has recently met with Chief Vogler, Councilor Cook, and Marshall County Threat Preparedness Director Mr. Christopher Earnest to begin making written plans for certain emergency situations that could happen within the City of Glen Dale.

Mayor Scott reminded city council that 2024 is the 100th year anniversary of the City of Glen Dale becoming incorporated in the State of West Virginia and would like some input and ideas from council on a future event to celebrate.

Under Council items –

Councilor Cook commended all departments that have submitted reports to city council for review.

Councilor Anderson expressed gratitude to the city clerk for preparing and staying on top of the city budget revisions during the year.

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Cook and seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder