

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 26, 2024

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 26th, 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, Cunningham, English and Zinn. Also present were Chief of Police Vogler, City Clerk Rentfrow, City Attorney Potts, City Accountant Abraham, Street Commissioner Caldwell, and Water Superintendent Orlofske.

The minutes of the Monday, February 12th, 2024 City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion by Councilor Zinn and seconded by Councilor Cook to accept the minutes as presented
Vote: Unanimous

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

Chief of Police Vogler called Patrolman Kevin Cornett in front of city council. After the approval of city council Chief Vogler presented a badge and announced that Patrolman Cornett, due to his hard work and dedication, has been promoted to the position of Sergeant for the Glen Dale Police Department.

Reports from committees – Mayor Scott requested reports from committees

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 Anderson to accept the financial report and statements as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Water and Sanitary – Water Superintendent Orlofske did brief city council about a sewage issue on Sixth Street. He stated this issue was referred to the insurance carrier.

Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor English to accept all the committee reports as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Unfinished business –

City Attorney Potts advised city council he has reviewed the City of Glen Dale and other local municipalities' city license fees with the assistance from the city clerk. A proposed presentation was given to city council in reference to a new structure to the city license fee for the City of Glen Dale. City Attorney Potts requested to place this information about this new updated city license fees in the local newspaper. Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Cook to accept the proposal as the new City of Glen Dale City license fees as presented.
Vote: Unanimous

New business –

Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor English to purchase a used pool dolphin robotic cleaning machine from the City of McMechen for the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).
Vote: Unanimous

Presentation was made by Police Chief Vogler after he received a recommendation from Fire Chief Schoene to add two additional paid part-time as needed personnel to the paid staff of the City EMS services. Motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to hire as part time as needed Lukas Dewitt and Dawson Kemp, both individuals are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters. Vote: Unanimous

Discussion was held by city council about the Police Chief's administrative authority. Motion was made by Councilor Cook and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to include in the administrative authority of the Chief of Police to legally suspended with pay any employee under his direction or control pending further actions that may be taken or considered by city council. Vote: Unanimous

City Clerk Rentfrow presented to city council General Fund Budget Revision #5. Motion was made by Councilor Cook and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to accept General Fund Budget Revision #5 as presented. A Roll Call vote was requested.

Councilor Anderson – Yes, Councilor Cook – Yes, Councilor Cunningham – Yes, Councilor English – Yes, and Councilor Zinn – Yes.
Vote: Unanimous

City Clerk Rentfrow gave the city council an update on some in-house budget revisions that will be occurring within individual department's budget of the city.

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

**“REPEALING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLEN DALE, WEST VIRGINIA,
ARTICLE 705.23 PRORATING of the BUSINESS AND TAXATION CODE**

A motion was made by Councilor Zinn and was seconded by Councilor Cook to repeal ordinance 705.23 as presented for its first reading. . A Roll Call vote was requested. Councilor Anderson – Yes, Councilor Cook – Yes, Councilor Cunningham – Yes, Councilor English – Yes, and Councilor Zinn – Yes.

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion was held about amending the settlement agreement for the PFAS class action lawsuit. The city attorney explained the terms of the proposed agreement, revisions and retainer agreement. Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and was seconded by Councilor Cook for the city attorney to draft a letter for clarification and to attempt to negotiate the fee structure of the proposed revised agreement which was received. .

Vote: Unanimous

Under Mayor's items – Mayor Scott advised the following to city council

The Mayor stated that Councilor Cook, the chair the Audit Procurement Committee, is still working on the set up of the procedures and standards to follow to select a Certified Public Accountant to conduct and perform audits for the city for the years of 2019 up to 2023 fiscal year.

The Memorial Day celebration is starting to be planned for May, and Mayor Scott is asking for input from members of council.

Mayor Scott reminded council this is the (100th) hundredth year anniversary of the city and requested assistance from council with the planning for this year's summer event.

Under Council items –

Councilor Anderson discussed with council when the starting of paving projects will happen in the spring.

Councilor English thanked CPA Mike Abraham for his assistance with the recent meeting with the state auditor's office.

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

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder