

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2025

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers of the Glen Dale City Building. Those in attendance were Mayor Scott, Recorder Richmond, Councilors Anderson, Cunningham, McCoy and Niehaus. Also present were City Clerk Rentfrow, Chief of Police Vogler, Superintendent Beaver, Street Commissioner Caldwell, City CPA Abraham, City Attorney Potts and Permit Technician Varner. Absent was Councilor English

The minutes of the Monday, February 24, 2025 City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion by Councilor McCoy and seconded by Councilor Niehaus to accept the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous

General public comment forum –

Mayor Scott gave anyone from the public in attendance the opportunity to speak after rising and stating their name and address for the record but prior to that she requested presentations from Natalie Thomas and Mike Abraham –

Natalie Thomas, Attorney with Bowles Rice LLP, made a presentation to the public and city council about all the legal procedures that were followed and each step taken in the adoptions of the City's Water and Sanitary rate increase.

Mike Abraham, City of Glen Dale CPA, explained the current financial situation and the financial needs of the City's Water and Sanitary Departments to be in compliance with the laws of the State of West Virginia, which was the basis of the rate increase for the water and sanitary departments.

Public comment was given by the following residents and non-residents to City Council:

Joe Blair 308 Twelfth Street, Glen Dale, WV

Tyler Brautigam 911 Wheeling Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Devin Overholt 602 Jefferson Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Tom Gilbert 316 Third Street, Glen Dale, WV

Kevin Patrick 716 Hillcrest Lane, Glen Dale, WV

Adam Truex 704 Hillcrest Lane, Glen Dale, WV

Russ Hall 311 Second Street, Glen Dale, WV

Hillary Miller 520 Mount Glen Street, Glen Dale, WV

Greg Cassis 303 Tomlinson Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Dave Thomas 615 Washington Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Kathleen Richmond 81 Sun Valley, Glen Dale, WV

David Blazer 402 Fern Lane, Glen Dale, WV

Brenda Bergen 504 Tomlinson Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Denise Pavlik 606 Madison Avenue, Glen Dale, WV

Reports from committees - Mayor Scott requested reports from committees

Fire Department – Recorder Richmond stated fire report was provided in the council packet for review. The Glen Dale Fire Department new ambulance will be placed on the assembly line in the near future, and the department is hopeful that once the process begins that it will be delivered 90-120 days later.

Streets/Alleys - Street Commissioner Caldwell stated his report has been submitted in the council packet for review. He went on to say that once the weather starts getting better some patch work on the streets will be addressed.

Finance - City CPA Abraham presented the financial reports of all city accounts giving an overall view of current financial situation. Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to accept the information, financial report and statements as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Water/Sanitary - Superintendent Beaver stated that the water and sanitary boards will meet on March 19th at 5:00pm and 5:30pm respectfully.

License and Permits – Permit technician, Mr. John Varner stated his permit report has been submitted in the council packet for review. Mayor Scott and others will meet with the Marshall County Board of Education on Wednesday, March 12th to review the school board plans for the construction of the Aquatic Center at John Marshall High School.

Traffic Commission - Chief Vogler stated his NIBRS statistic report has been submitted in the council packet for review. The Chief went on to advise city council a speed study was done from February 25th to March 4th on Fifth Street as requested and not one vehicle, except for the speed test police cruiser, was above the posted speed limit according to the speed summary. Chief Vogler explained that Lt. Myers has cited an individual that illegal dump without permission at the Glen Dale Car Wash and the heavy truck traffic coming down Sixth Street at night should be slowing down in the near future.

Legal - Attorney Potts discussed with city council that he has received and review the new three year lease agreement documents presented from the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston for St Jude Park and find them to be in order for councils approval.

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

Unfinished business – None

New Business –

Mayor Scott presented two sealed bids to Recorder Richmond to open and read pertaining to selling of the 2013 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser. Recorder Richmond opened and read both bids to the city council. Motion was made by Councilor Niehaus and was seconded by Councilor Anderson to accept the high bid to sell the used police cruiser to A-1 Auto Parts for the amount of (\$1,005.00) One Thousand and Five Dollars. Vote: Unanimous

Discussion was held by city council in regards to the St Jude Park Lease and a donation to the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association. Motion was made by Councilor McCoy and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to authorized Mayor Scott to sign the lease from the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston for St Jude Park along with the agreement to cut the grass at the park from March until July and provide the Diocese a certificate of insurance as stated in the lease. Then a donation will be awarded to the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association in the amount of (\$2,500.00) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the 2025 Baseball Softball Recreation Ball season. This award was increased from last year's amount to allow the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association to rent the portable toilets directly from a company for the recreation ball season. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to designate the Glen Dale City Building a safe location for the reason of Child Exchanges. Vote: Unanimous

Presentation was made by City Clerk Rentfrow of the General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets to members of the city council.

Motion was made by Councilor Niehaus and was seconded by Councilor McCoy to approve the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget for the amount of \$3,988,416.00 dollars. A roll call vote was requested. Councilor Anderson – Yes, Councilor Cunningham – Yes, Councilor McCoy – Yes, Councilor Niehaus – Yes Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to approve the 2025-2026 Coal Severance Fund Budget for the amount of \$47,385.00 dollars. A roll call vote was requested. Councilor Anderson – Yes, Councilor Cunningham – Yes, Councilor McCoy – Yes, Councilor Niehaus – Yes Vote: Unanimous

Under Mayor's items –

Mayor Scott informed city council that 13 people have taken advantage of the program to reserved military banners under the City's Patriotic Street Banner program. The school board plans to put out for bids for the construction of the Aquatic Center at John Marshall High School in May. She asked the city council members to compile a list of streets to bring back for consideration at the next council meeting for summer the paving project.

Mayor Scott stated the 2024 city audit has been completed and is published online for the public the review at anytime. The public will need to get online and search under www.wvsao.gov/chiefinspector, then go under "[search and view audit reports](#)", under Entity type: "[Municipalities](#)", County: "[Marshall](#)", Report type: "[Financial and Compliance Audit](#)" to review the city audits.

Under Council items –

Councilor Cunningham stated that he heard of and saw a lot of misinformation being circulated online and in the community. He wanted the public to know that this council has always supported the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association and wants children to participate in playing baseball and softball in Glen Dale.

Councilor Anderson wanted to thank those that came to tonight's meeting for expressing their views.

Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor McCoy and 2nd by Councilor Niehaus for an executive session for confidential legal matter at 8:00pm. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor McCoy and 2nd by Councilor Cunningham to come out of executive session at 8:23pm. Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Scott announced that neither any decision nor any votes were made during the executive session.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Anderson and seconded by Councilor McCoy at 8:24pm.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder