

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 14, 2025

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 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, English and Niehaus. Also present were City Clerk Rentfrow, Chief of Police Vogler, Superintendent Beaver, Street Commissioner Caldwell, City Attorney Potts and Permit Technician Varner. Absent was Councilor McCoy

The minutes of the Monday, March 24, 2025 City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion by Councilor Anderson 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.

Public comment was given by the following resident to City Council:
Karen Kuhens 204 Tenth Street, Glen Dale, WV

Alex Saseen from the Cornerstone Group was recognized by Mayor Scott to give city council an overview of changes that occurred for this coming 2025-2026 year with the PEIA insurance coverage showing varying utilization, expenses and exposure comparisons to the city and city employees due to the overall increase in the policy, deductibles and total out of pocket maximums.

Reports from committees - Mayor Scott requested reports from committees

Fire Department – Recorder Richmond stated fire report was provided in the council packet for review. Information was provided to council pertaining to two AEP rented spotlights at the fire hall that the fire department wanted to turn off unless the council wants the lights switched into the city account.

Streets/Alleys - Street Commissioner Caldwell report has been submitted in the council packet for review.

Finance - City Clerk Rentfrow 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 Niehaus to accept the information, financial report and statements as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Water/Sanitary - Superintendent Beaver stated the web pay system is now up and running. The new dump truck has been received and the next meetings for the water and sanitary boards are scheduled for April 16th at 5:00pm and 5:30pm.

License and Permits - Permit technician, Mr. John Varner stated his permit report has been submitted in the council packet for review.

Traffic Commission - Chief Vogler stated his NIBRS statistic report has been submitted in the council packet for review. Chief Vogler stated that he had a request from the fire chief to connect the front fire department garage door(s) to the building generator in case of a loss of power. Permission would need to be obtained by the city from the county 911 director which had the generator installed. Council advised the Chief to seek the permission.

Parks/Recreation – General discussion was held by City Clerk Rentfrow and Councilor Anderson. They presented information and the need to purchase two cash registers to be used at the city park. One in admissions office and one in the concession stand area.

Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to purchase two cash registers as presented for the use at the city pool for the amount of \$1,009.94 Vote: Unanimous

Legal – The city attorney stated he will be drawing up a legal release pertaining to a driveway that was damaged. Mayor Scott asked the city attorney to draw up an agreement between the city and the Glen Dale Baseball Softball Association for the city council to review.

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

Unfinished business – None

New Business –

Mayor Scott read the Arbor Day proclamation to city council.

Motion was made by Councilor English and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to authorize Mayor Scott to sign the proclamation making April 18th 2025 Arbor Day in the City of Glen Dale. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor English and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to donate \$100.00 dollars to Sherrard Middle School Robotics Team. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Niehaus and was seconded by Councilor English to table until the next city council meeting about a proposal to increase coverage to the City's Workers Compensation Broad Form Insurance. Vote: Unanimous

Chief Vogler presented city council with names of two certified EMT/Firefighters, Carl White and Daniel Holmes, with his recommendations to hire as part time, as needed, EMT/Firefighter employees for the city.

Motion was made by Councilor Anderson and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to approve Chief Vogler recommendations as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor English and was seconded by Councilor Anderson to table until the next city council meeting about the proposed Health Plan HRA and the PEIA Insurance varying utilization, expenses and exposure to the city and city employees due to the overall increase in the policy, deductibles and total out of pocket maximums. Vote: Unanimous

City Clerk Rentfrow presented to city council with banking expenses and charges which the city currently is receiving with Truist Bank and options of going with another banking institution after she discussed the city accounts with Zack Blair and Stephanie Reineccius from Unified Bank.

Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and was seconded by Councilor English to approve the opening new banking accounts with Unified Bank and begin the closing of bank accounts at Truist Bank. Vote: Unanimous

Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor English and 2nd by Councilor Niehaus for an executive session for a discussion of a confidential personnel matter at 8:07pm. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor English and 2nd by Councilor Niehaus to come out of executive session at 8:37pm. 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 English at 8:38pm.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder