

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 14, 2025

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

The minutes of the Monday, June 23, 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

The minutes of the Thursday, July 10, 2025 Special meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion by Councilor English and seconded by Councilor Cunningham 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 to City Council:

David Blazer 402 Fern Lane Glen Dale, WV
Francie Brak Myers 408 Fifth Street Glen Dale, WV
Gary Myers 1102 Fourth Street Moundsville, WV
Jon Whitelatch 303 Tenth Street Glen Dale, WV
Logan Rich 47 Eureka Avenue Wheeling, WV
Robert Beever 318 Tenth Street Glen Dale, WV
Dan Livingston 311 Eighth Street Glen Dale, WV
Alfonso Poncho Flores 14 Oak Ave Moundsville, 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. Fire Chief Schoene stated the fire department's new ambulance should be arriving in August and the department's Ariel truck is about 95% complete on being refurbished.

Streets/Alleys - Street Commissioner Caldwell's report has been submitted in the council packet for review. Commissioner Caldwell requested an executive session for a personnel matter tonight.

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 McCoy and was seconded by Councilor Cunningham to accept the information, financial report and statements as presented. Vote: Unanimous

Water/Sanitary - Superintendent Beaver reported to City Council that his report has been submitted in the council packet for review. He also stated the next water and sanitary board meeting will be held on July 16th at 5:00pm and 5:30pm and the public is invited. The superintendent went on to say that the WV DOH will be doing road work along WV Route 2 and WV Route 86 replacing or repairing manholes covers and storm drains.

License and Permits – Mr. Varner stated the License and Permits report has been submitted in the council packet for review.

Traffic Commission - Chief Vogler stated the police department NIBRS statistic report has been submitted in the council packet for review.

Parks/Recreation - Councilor Anderson stated the Glen Dale United Methodist Church will be hosting a community night at the city pool on Wednesday, July 16th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The pool would be used for a free community swim and the church would use the city shelter to prepare and serve food. There will be a disability awareness swim coming up, but the date has not been set yet.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Councilor Cunningham reported that the Zoning Board did meet on July 7th at 6:00pm. The minutes from that meeting and results have been submitted in the council packet for review.

Legal – City Attorney Potts reported to council he is reviewing permits and license requirements for Air BNB's along with city ordinances.

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

New Business –

City Clerk Rentfrow reviewed with city council the Coal Severance budget revision #1 to be approved by council. Motion was made by Councilor McCoy and was seconded by Councilor Niehaus to approve the Coal Severance budget revisions as presented. Roll Call vote was requested, Councilor Anderson - Yes, Councilor Cunningham - Yes, Councilor English - Yes, Councilor McCoy – Yes, Councilor Niehaus – Yes, Recorder Richmond – Yes, and Mayor Scott - Yes. Vote: Unanimous

Executive Session –

Motion was made by Councilor Niehaus and 2nd by Councilor English for an executive session for a discussion of a confidential personnel matter at 6:40pm. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor McCoy and 2nd by Councilor Cunningham to come out of executive session at 7:55pm. Vote: Unanimous

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

New Business –

Motion was made by Councilor Cunningham and 2nd by Councilor Niehaus to denied a city dispatch employee request of a changed of work status to part time from full time status. Roll Call vote was requested, Councilor Anderson - Yes, Councilor Cunningham - Yes, Councilor English - Yes, Councilor McCoy – Yes, Councilor Niehaus – Yes, Recorder Richmond – Yes, and Mayor Scott - Yes. Vote: Unanimous

Motion was made by Councilor Niehaus and 2nd by Councilor Cunningham to approve the conversion of the city emergency dispatch operations center over to the Marshall County 911 emergency operations center. Roll Call vote was requested, Councilor Anderson - No, Councilor Cunningham - Yes, Councilor English - No, Councilor McCoy – No, Councilor Niehaus – Yes, Recorder Richmond – Yes, and Mayor Scott - Yes. Vote: Motion was approved by a vote of 4-3

City Attorney Potts made the following public statement. This vote ultimately eliminates the job of dispatcher with the City of Glen Dale. However, the exact time frame and changes being made are uncertain at this time. Given that, the council is also voting to either employ or otherwise provide pay and benefits to those employees in jobs impacted by this change for 90 days. Unless such employees would voluntarily leave during this 90 day window. Additionally, the city council will within the next 30 days vote and inform on the exact situation of how things will be handled moving forward. This is to provide those currently effected with time to make arrangements.

Under Mayor's items – Nothing further to report

Under Council items – Nothing further to report

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Anderson and seconded by Councilor Cunningham at 8:02pm. Vote: Unanimous

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder