

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 9, 2026

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, 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, Police Chief Vogler, Street Commissioner Caldwell, City Attorney Potts and Permit Technician Varner. Absent were Councilor McCoy and Superintendent Beaver.

The minutes of Monday, February 23, 2026, 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.

The vote was 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. (No public comments were presented.)

Reports from committees - Mayor Scott requested reports from committees.

Fire Department – Recorder Richmond reminded Council and the public that the Annual Fire Department Steak Fry will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, with doors opening at 6:00 PM at St. Jude Hall. Limited tickets remain available from fire department members and at the city building. The department expects another sold-out fundraiser.

The City Clerk updated Council regarding a large water leak at the Glen Dale Fire Hall. After an adjustment by the Water and Sanitary Department Superintendent, the remaining balance due is \$3,540.15, payable by March 20, 2026. The city clerk wants city council vote on how to proceed.

Motion by Councilor English, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, to approve payment of half the bill (\$1,770.08) by the City and forward the remaining half to the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department for payment. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 – 1 with Recorder Richmond voting nay.

City Clerk Rentfrow explained to city council a request she received from the fire department requesting the installation of a fax line for the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. Recorder Richmond explained this fax line would be used to receive call information needed for mandatory reporting to the state received from Marshall County 911. The city clerk gave the city council two options to review.

Motion by Councilor English, seconded by Councilor Anderson, to approve the installation and monthly payment of \$84.50 through Frontier Communications for a fax line to be used by the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. The vote was unanimous.

Streets/Alleys - Street Commissioner Caldwell submitted his report in the council packet for review and provided an update on the timeline and installation of new playground equipment at the city park.

Finance – City Clerk Rentfrow presented financial reports for all city accounts and reviewed the City's current financial status.

She also reported that the \$686,000 Money Market Fund has been established with the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office, as previously directed by Council.

Council members were reminded that a special meeting will be held April 21, 2026, at 5:45 PM to Lay the Levy in accordance with West Virginia State Code.

Motion made by Councilor English, seconded by Councilor Anderson, to accept the financial reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Water/Sanitary – Councilor Niehaus reported that the Water and Sanitary yearly budgets and new departmental policies being drafted and reviewed by Attorney Ashley Burton will be presented at the March 23, 2026, meeting.

License and permits – Mr. Varner reported that the department report had been submitted in the council packet. He also informed Council about ongoing projects around the city and a new business located at 1401 Wheeling Avenue, Precision Infrastructure LLC, in an industrially zoned area.

Traffic Commission – Police Chief Vogler reported on the installation of new Mobile Dispatch Terminals in police cruisers and presented the NIBRS activity report covering February 20, 2026, through March 5, 2026.

Parks/Recreation – Councilor Anderson reported the following upcoming events:

- Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 4, 2026, at the City Park (hosted with Glen Dale United Methodist Church and sponsors)
- City Pool Opening – May 23, 2026
- Memorial Day Services – May 25, 2026, at the City Park (Tomlinson Ave. and South Park Street)

The public are invited to attend.

Planning Commission – Councilor Niehaus reported that the Planning Commission will meet March 16, 2026, at the City Building in Council Chambers.

Legal – City Attorney Potts reported he has been reviewing the water ordinance and legal documentation related to the city pool project.

Motion by Councilor Cunningham, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, to accept all committee reports as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

Council discussed the Water Service Termination Agreement between the City of Glen Dale and the Marshall County Sewerage District, which had been reviewed by City Attorney Potts.

Motion by Councilor English, seconded by Councilor Niehaus to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Recorder to sign on behalf of the city.

Motion by Councilor English, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, to table the service proposal from Kimble Recycling. The vote was unanimous.

City Clerk Rentfrow presented the 2026–2027 General Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets, which had been reviewed and amended by the city budget committee.

Motion by Councilor Cunningham, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, to approve the 2026–2027 General Fund Budget of \$5,841,924.00 and the Coal Severance Fund Budget of \$50,450.00.

A Roll Call vote was requested. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Anderson – Yes; Councilor Cunningham – Yes; Councilor English – Yes; Councilor Niehaus – Yes; Recorder Richmond – Yes; Mayor Scott – Yes
The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor English, to table the purchase of a new cooler for the Pool Concession Stand. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Councilor Niehaus, seconded by Councilor English, to table the Employee Health Insurance buyout proposed policy. The vote was unanimous.

Under Mayor's items – Nothing additional to report

Under Council items –

Councilor English reported that the City of Glen Dale has been selected as a Tree City USA community for 2026 by the Arbor Day Foundation. The city plans to plant 16 trees in the fall as part of its ongoing tree program.

Councilor English also noted that he has received multiple complaints about the fire department siren on Baltimore Avenue, which has reportedly sounded up to nine times during the night, disturbing residents. He was advised to discuss the matter with the fire department administration.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Anderson and seconded by Councilor English at 7:05pm.
The vote was unanimous.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder