

GLEN DALE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 8, 2026

Glen Dale City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 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, McCoy and Niehaus. Also present were City Clerk Rentfrow, Police Chief Vogler, City Attorney Potts, Street Commissioner Caldwell, Superintendent Beaver and Permit Technician Varner.

The minutes of Monday, May 11, 2026, City Council meeting were presented to council for review prior to the meeting. Motion: Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, to accept the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

General public comment forum –

Mayor Scott opened the floor for public comments and invited anyone wishing to speak to state their name and address for the record. No public comments were received.

Reports from committees - Mayor Scott requested reports from committees.

Fire Department – Chief Richard Schoene reported on preparations for the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for June 20. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall High School and follow the traditional Fourth of July parade route. Following the parade, a community event will be held at the city park featuring food, refreshments, free pool admission for those without pool passes, and entertainment from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., concluding at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Schoene also reported that the annual Fourth of July Parade is scheduled for July 4 at 10:30 a.m. Community children, baseball and softball participants, and other groups have been invited to participate. Gift cards will be provided for children riding bicycles in the parade.

Additionally, arrangements have been made with the Police Department to house ambulances while repairs are completed to the EMS squad bay door area.

Streets/Alleys – Street Commissioner Caldwell submitted his report for council review and advised that installation of the new Brad Paisley "Welcome to Glen Dale" sign at the south entrance to the city will occur within the coming week.

Finance – City Clerk Rentfrow presented the financial reports and reviewed the City's financial condition.

Motion: Councilor Cunningham, seconded by Councilor English, moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Sanitary – Superintendent Beaver announced that the Water Board and Sanitary Board meetings are scheduled for June 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., respectively. He also reported that a new employee began work and that the water line project from Marx Lane to Elizabeth Street will begin shortly, followed by a sanitary sewer project on portions of Lindy Lane in July.

License and permits – Permit Technician Varner submitted his report and provided updates on current projects. He also reported that the abandoned property on 6th Street near Madison Avenue has been purchased.

Traffic Commission – Police Chief Vogler presented the NIBRS activity report covering May 11 through June 4, 2026. He reported that MDT units have been installed in all police cruisers, although the electronic ticketing program is not yet operational.

Chief Vogler further advised that the Police Department and Lieutenant Myers received awards from the Regional and State of West Virginia Highway Safety Program. The department ranked fifth statewide in DUI enforcement. Lieutenant Myers received recognition as the top Drug Recognition Expert in the region and second in the state.

Parks/Recreation – Councilor Anderson reported positively on the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Concert in the Park.

Mayor Scott announced that a project walk-through with the pool contractor is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. the following day. The pool house project is expected to be advertised for bids in July.

Manager Varner reported that repairs to the pool boiler have been completed, water chemistry has been properly balanced, and approximately half of the seasonal pool staff consists of employees aged 15 to 16.

Planning Commission – Councilor Niehaus reported that the Planning Commission will soon begin developing new policies for council review and approval.

Legal - City Attorney Potts reviewed a proposed health insurance buyout agreement that would provide eligible employees with a monthly payment of \$300 in exchange for declining City health insurance coverage and signing the required waiver.

Attorney Potts also reported communications with the contractor performing the John Marshall High School pool project.

Motion: Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cunningham, moved to accept all committee reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business -

Glen Dale CDC Summer Camp Pool Admission

Mr. John Hogue and Mr. Joe Blake addressed council regarding pool admission fees for children participating in the Glen Dale CDC 2026 Summer Camp Program.

Motion: Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor English, moved to establish a one-time group pool pass fee of \$250 for camp participants and two supervising employees during camp hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Pool Personnel

Pool Manager John Varner recommended the hiring of Olivia Bonar, Hunter Miller, and Audrey Butler as part-time, as-needed pool employees.

Motion: Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Anderson, moved to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

June 2026 Street Paving Project

Mayor Scott presented one sealed bid for the June 2026 Street Paving Project. The bid from Wilson Blacktop included paving and repair work at multiple locations throughout the city, totaling \$157,490.00.

Motion: Councilor Niehaus, seconded by Councilor Cunningham, moved to accept the Wilson Blacktop bid in the amount of \$157,490.00.

A roll call vote was conducted. All members voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS Bay Wall Repair

Council reviewed a proposal for repairing the damaged southeast exterior masonry wall of the EMS bay.

Motion: Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor McCoy, moved to accept the proposal from Huffner Contracting in the amount of \$3,094.88. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Department Garage Doors

Council reviewed a proposal from Dennis Miller Door and Window Company for replacement of three commercial-grade garage doors at the Street Department facility.

Motion: Councilor Cunningham, seconded by Councilor Niehaus, moved to accept the proposal in the amount of \$9,851.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Revision No. 4

City Clerk Rentfrow presented Budget Revision No. 4 for council approval and submission to the West Virginia State Auditor.

Motion: Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Cunningham, moved to approve Budget Revision No. 4 and forward it to the State Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Mayor's items –

Mayor Scott reported that AEP will begin converting highway lighting along WV Route 2 to LED fixtures. He also announced that the Cockayne Farmstead Farmers Market has resumed operations and will be held each Wednesday throughout the summer.

Under Council items –

Councilor English reported that resident Ed Younkins expressed a desire to donate \$500 to the City for installation of a memorial plaque on the park bench located near the basketball court at the corner of South Park and Baltimore Avenue.

Council members requested that city officials continue monitoring grounds maintenance at the John Marshall High School pool project site. Manager Varner stated that he has already communicated those concerns to project personnel.

Resident John Hogue complimented the condition and appearance of the city pool. It was also reported that repairs to the park swing will be completed during the coming week.

Executive Session -

Motion: Councilor McCoy, seconded by Councilor Cunningham, moved to enter executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a confidential personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Councilor Anderson, seconded by Councilor Cunningham, moved to return to open session at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Scott stated that no decisions or votes were made during executive session.

Adjournment -

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Niehaus and seconded by Councilor Anderson. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. upon unanimous vote.

Janet Scott, Mayor

Lewis E. Richmond, City Recorder