

**Glen Dale City Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**08/24/2026**

Glen Dale city council met in council chambers on Monday, August 24th, 2026.

Mayor Scott opened the meeting at 6pm.

Present were: Mayor Janet Scott, Councilmen Eric Cunningham, Larry English, Eric Anderson, Mike McCoy and Russ Neihaus. Also present were Clerk Rentfrow, Attorney Potts, Police Chief Ed Vogler, Street Commissioner Scott Berisford, Water Super Tim Beaver, Accountant Mike Abraham, and Permit Technician John Varner.

Absent was: Recorder Lou Richmond.

Minutes from the 08/10/26 meeting were reviewed and approved. English moved to approve and Neihaus seconded, motion carried.

Public Comment: Jim Kudlak of Moundsville introduced himself and his candidacy for Marshall County Commissioner.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fire Dept-** no report

**Streets and Alleys-** written report provided.

**Finance**-Clerk Rentfrow gave a written report. Accountant Abraham provided end of fiscal year June 30, 2026 numbers and which will be filed for audit purposes. The end of year total government fund balance totaled \$2,890,843. With General fund balance of \$2,841,250, Coal Severance of \$45,807, and Opioid Settlement fund of \$3,748.

McCoy moved to accept the report as presented, Cunningham seconded, motion carried.

**Water Dept**-written report provided. Councilman Neihaus noted that the water board elected officers with Rob Kutis, chair; Bill Anderson- vice chair; Melodie Rentfrow- treasurer, and Russ Neihaus-secretary.

The next meeting to be 5pm 9/17.

**Sanitary**- written report provided. Next meeting to be 9/17 5:30pm.

**Lic & Permit**-written report provided.

**Traffic**-Chief Vogler reported he is looking for a way to retrieve data from new methods in place to report on crime statistics. He indicated traffic in the school area is improving.

**Property**-no report

**Park & Rec**-Councilman Anderson reported that a pre-bid meeting for Phase 1 of the pool renovation project was held earlier that day on Monday, August 24th and that six contractors were present for the meeting with David Crupe of the McKinley firm. Bids for the Phase 1 work are to be received by September 11th and opened at the September 14th council meeting for the phase 1 work, which involves the pool house renovation.

**Board of Zoning**-no report

**Planning**- Russ Neihaus indicated the next meeting is planned for 9/22 at 6pm.

**Building**-no report

**Emergency**-no report

**Economic Development**-no report

**Historical**-no report

**Building**-no report

**Legal**-Attorney Potts reported a letter was received from regarding the opioid settlement litigation. Attorney Potts advised there is nothing for the city to do at this point with it.

Neihaus moved to accept committee reports, seconded by Cunningham, motion carried.

Unfinished Business- A review of a Sanitary ordinance update was provided and a 1st reading. McCoy moved to approve the ordinance and Cunningham seconded. Motion carried.

#### **New Business-**

Discussion was held on the water line system. AC Weithe of Bel o Mar and Chad Miller from Cerrone provided info on connecting the water line to Moundsville vs making upgrades to the current Glen Dale plant. Neither made a recommendation as to which option is superior. Accountant Abraham provided pro formo financial reports as to cost associated with each option. He recommended connecting to the City of Moundsville system as the best course of action. As it would provide lower rates for citizens and less operational costs to the City over time. The plant upgrade option would necessitate additional certified operators being hired at an estimated annual cost of over \$400,000. Water Superintendent Beaver agreed with Accountant Abraham that the interconnector line would be a better path forward.

Councilman Neihaus indicated that the water board itself voted and approved connecting to the Moundsville plant at a recent meeting as well. Councilman Anderson asked when the line connection project would commence and be completed by if we voted to go that way. Chad Miller estimated a start and completion in 2027.

Councilman Anderson moved to go with the interconnector line option to connect Glen Dale water with the City of Moundsville, Councilman Cunningham seconded. A roll call vote was

taken and approved unanimously. Roll call Vote-Mayor Scott-yes, Councilman Neihaus-yes, English-yes, Anderson-yes, McCoy-yes, Cunningham-yes.

Paving projects quotes were provided for Fern Lane \$5,875 and 9th St of \$11,950 by Wilson Blacktop. McCoy moved to accept bids and English seconded. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner Berisford spoke of upgrades to 20 utility poles needed along Wheeling Ave and provided a quote of \$24,700 from United Electric to provide upgrades to them. Anderson moved to accept the quote and English seconded. Motion carried.

Berisford is also looking to replace the Christmas lights on the utility poles with newer LED lights. An estimate of \$12,365 for them was quoted but a more current figure will be provided in the near future.

**Mayor Items-**Mayor Scott informed council a meeting with Charlie Swart of the WV Div of Highways is to take place on 9/1/26 regarding the 7th St ownership issue.

She indicated that Street Commissioner Berisford has made a list of items that need to be discarded at the Kalkreuth building. Clerk Rentfrow will advise on steps to do so.

Mayor Scott indicated new doors were placed at 7th St property. A roof repair will be done soon at the Kalkreuth building. She indicated a nice letter was received from Rev John Suplinski of St. Jude thanking the city for the great work in assisting the area after recent flooding.

**Council Items-** None

Anderson made motion to adjourn at 7:16pm seconded by Cunningham. Motion carried.

Submitted by Councilman Eric Anderson in absence of Recorder Richmond