

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Glen Rose met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in the Glen Rose City Hall, Council Chambers, 201 NE Vernon, Glen Rose, TX 76043, at 5:30 PM to consider the following items of business:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Boles called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem George Freas led the invocation.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Boles led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Joe Boles, Mayor
George Freas, Mayor Pro Tem
Demetra Conrad, Councilmember
TJ Walker, Councilmember
Richard Bruning, Councilmember
Candace Scholz, Councilmember

Staff Present

Wayne McKethan, Interim City Administrator
Staci L. King, City Secretary
Jim Holder, Director of Public Works
Buck Martin, Chief of Police
Larry Allen, Building Official
Stan Lowry, City Attorney, via Zoom

CITIZEN/VISITOR COMMENTS

No one came forward to address the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Wayne McKethan, Interim City Administrator

Mayor Boles presented Wayne McKethan with a Key to the City in recognition of his service to the City of Glen Rose.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law, Subchapter D, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, in accordance with:

2. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney – to seek advice from its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with this chapter: Proposed Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Boles called the meeting into Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. The meeting was called back to regular session at 6:29 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

3. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session: Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney – Proposed Sales Tax Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Boles gave the following statement regarding this item:

In light of recent written and face-to-face meetings with the County Commissioners, we believe that we have reason to be extremely positive that an agreement can be reached for the sales tax sharing. We will be meeting further next week to draft an agreement with the County Commissioners and, with cooperation between them and the City Council, we will reach an agreement shortly. No action was taken on this item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Boles opened the public hearings at 6:29 p.m.

4. **Public hearing regarding a request for a Specific Use Permit for Short Term Rental for the property located at 1404 NE Barnard, being 4.5 acres out of the Milam County School Land District Survey, Abstract A136, Tract C7-3**
No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to the request.
5. **Public Hearing on the City of Glen Rose FY2023-2024 Budget**
No one came forward to speak regarding the proposed FY2023-2024 budget.
6. **Public Hearing on the City of Glen Rose 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate**
No one came forward to speak regarding the proposed FY2023-2024 tax rate.
7. **Public Hearing regarding a request to annex 1.32 acres (on Hwy 67 adjacent to and east of the 7-Eleven) out of Milam County School, Abstract No. 136, being a portion of a certain tract of land described in deed to Alvie Joe Mitchell, JR recorded under Instrument Number 20201505 of the Somervell County public records by VRE Glen Rose 2.0, LLC**
Patrick Fahey spoke in opposition to the annexation.

Mayor Boles closed the public hearings at 6:35 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8. **Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a request for a Specific Use Permit for Short Term Rental for the property located at 1404 NE Barnard, being 4.5 acres out of the Milam County School Land District Survey, Abstract A136, Tract C7-3**
Larry Allen, Building Official, presented the request to Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on August 23, 2023 and voted to recommend approval of a SUP with the following conditions:
 - No more than three police calls for genuine disturbances as defined by responding law enforcement
 - Owner agrees to provide contact information to neighbors so that owners may be contacted with any issues

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by TJ Walker, to approve the request for a Specific Use Permit for a short term rental for the property located at 1404 NE Barnard. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance annexing 1.32 acres (on Hwy 67 adjacent to and east of the 7-Eleven) out of Milam County School, Abstract No. 136, being a portion of a certain tract of land described in deed to Alvie Joe Mitchell, JR recorded under Instrument Number 20201505 of the Somervell County public records by VRE Glen Rose 2.0, LLC**
In consideration of pending sales tax negotiations with Somervell County, this item was tabled to the September 26, 2023 meeting.

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the City's 2023-2024 Budget

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Richard Bruning, to approve Ordinance No. 2023.09.12.A adopting the City of Glen Rose Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance adopting the City's 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Council was presented with a proposed tax rate of \$0.2788 per \$100 valuation; the 2022 was \$0.306298. Although the tax rate is lower, the property tax revenue will increase by \$52,199; thus statute requires specific language for adoption of the tax rate.

MOTION by Richard Bruning, second by Demetra Conrad, to approve Ordinance No. 2023.09.12.B setting the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$0.2788 per \$100 valuation. MOTION CARRIED by the following votes:

FOR: George Freas, Candace Scholz, Richard Bruning, Demetra Conrad, TJ Walker
AGAINST: None
ABSTAINING: None

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the ratification of the property tax revenue increase reflected in the proposed City of Glen Rose Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget

The 2023 ad valorem tax rate adopted by Council resulted in an increase of \$52,199, which requires a separate vote for ratification.

MOTION by George Freas, second by Demetra Conrad, to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the FY2022-2023 Budget. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a contribution to the Glen Rose Wine and Art Festival

No action taken.

14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a contribution to the Harvest Festival from the City of Glen Rose Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund

No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

15. Approval or other action regarding minutes for the Glen Rose City Council

August 8, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
August 22, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting

16. Consider approval or other action regarding an accounts payable report for payments made during August 2023

17. Consider approval or other action regarding a financial report for the month of August 2023

MOTION by George Freas, second by Demetra Conrad, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

18. **Public Works Director Report**
19. **Police Department Report**
20. **Building and Planning Department Report**
21. **Code Enforcement and Animal Control Report**
22. **City Secretary's Report**
23. **City Administrator's Report**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council expressed their appreciation to Wayne McKethan for his service to Glen Rose as the Interim City Administrator.

Mayor Boles thanked Council for diligently working with Somervell County.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.