

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 08, 2023, at 5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Glen Rose met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 08, 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 Boles 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

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.

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:

1. **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: Interlocal Agreements**

Mayor Boles called the meeting into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was called back to regular session at 6:50 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

2. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session: Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney –Interlocal Agreements**
No action was taken on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation by Viking Solar

This item was removed from the agenda due to a no-show by the presenter.

4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding opening an Intrafi account at First Financial Bank
Vickie Pettit presented the Council with information on the Intrafi Network. The City of Glen Rose currently has in Intrafi account with Interbank.

MOTION by George Freas, second by TJ Walker, to authorize staff to transfer funds to an Intrafi account at First Financial Bank. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a petition for annexation of 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

Staci King, City Secretary, explained to Council that acceptance of the petition at this meeting involved setting a public hearing to consider an ordinance annexing the described property. Tim Donovan, Verdad Real Estate, petitioner, was in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding the City’s ongoing conversations with Somervell County about sales tax in annexed areas and the overall tax benefit to the City.

MOTION by George Freas, second by Demetra Conrad, to set a public hearing for Tuesday, September 12, 2023, to consider an Ordinance annexing 1.32 acres in the Milam County School Survey. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the adoption of the City of Glen Rose Maximum Proposed Tax Rate for 2023

Wayne McKethan, Interim City Administrator, presented Council with the following tax rates:

2022 Rate	\$0.306298
No New Revenue Rate	\$0.2676
Voter Approval Rate	\$0.27881825
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MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by TJ Walker, to adopt a maximum proposed tax rate of \$0.2788. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

7. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a Special Alcohol Usage Permit Application for the Good Old Days Moonshine Festival

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by Richard Bruning, to approve a Special Alcohol Usage Permit Application for the Good Old Days Moonshine Festival. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the approval of a contract and related expenditures to repaint the original City of Glen Rose water tower

MOTION by George Freas, second by TJ Walker, to approve a contract and related expenditures to repaint the original City of Glen Rose water tower. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on designating the City’s original water tower as a historic landmark

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to authorize Ann Carver to proceed with pursuing a historic designation for the water tower. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.07 Flood Damage Prevention

Larry Allen, Building Official, explained to Council that the proposed changes were at the direction of FEMA.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by Richard Bruning, to approve Ordinance No. 2023.08.08.A amending Chapter 3.07 *Flood Damage Prevention*. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

11. Discussion of next steps regarding the City of Glen Rose Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds

Pam Streeeter, owner, Inn on the River, expressed concern over what would be done to replace the loss of a CVB. Mayor Boles explained that the next steps would include a “round table” with council and hoteliers, Air BNB owners, etc. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

12. Consider approval or other action regarding the minutes of the July 11, 2023, and July 25, 2023 Regular City Council Meetings.

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

14. Consider approval or other action regarding a financial report for the month of July 2023.

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

STAFF REPORTS

15. Public Works Director Report

16. Police Chief Report

17. Building and Planning Department Report

18. Code Enforcement and Animal Control Report

19. Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Report

20. City Secretary’s Report

21. City Administrator’s Report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

TJ Walker attended a TxDOT meeting and was able to discuss the installation of a school zone on US 67 with them.

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:

22. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Administrator

23. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Filling a Vacancy on City Council due to the Resignation of Council Member Kelly Harris

Mayor Boles called the meeting into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:35 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

24. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session: Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - Filling a Vacancy on City Council due to the Resignation of Council Member Kelly Harris

No action was taken on this item.

25. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding items discussed in Executive Session: Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: City Administrator

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Joe Boles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Staci L. King, City Secretary