

**MINUTES OF MEETING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE
JULY 13, 1999
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - TOWN HALL**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1999, WITH MAYOR CONNIE KIRK PRESIDING. PRESENT WERE MAYOR PRO-TEM DARRELL ALLDREDGE, COUNCILWOMAN LILA CARTER, AND COUNCILMEN JOHN GORE AND GLENN WILSON.

Copy of Agenda:

1. Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment Request from Jesse Pruitt, to change his property, consisting of .096 acres located at 402 Gaither, from "R-1" Residential, to "B-2" Commercial, to allow for construction of a car wash.
2. Action on Public Hearing.
3. Consent Items:
 - A. Approve minutes of previous meeting(s).
 - B. Approve current bills for payment.
4. Consider and possibly approve plat for Britt Phillips' property known as "Rio Paluxy Addition," located on SW Barnard Street 0.4 miles east of its intersection with S.W. Big Bend Trail (Hwy. 67).
5. Approve Somervell County Central Appraisal District Budget for FY 1999-2000.
6. Consider and possibly adopt ordinance amending Ordinance No. 299 to allow signs up to 16 sq.ft. in area for accommodations facilities operating under a Special Use Permit in an "R-1" District.
7. Consider and possibly adopt ordinance amending Sections 1 and 10 of Chapter 2 of the Glen Rose City Code, as Amended, relating to the impoundment of animals, including amended fee structure.
8. Consider and possibly adopt ordinance granting Restricted Prior Service Credit benefits through Texas Municipal Retirement System.
9. Approve City Auditor's recommendation to transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Utility Fund.
10. Consider and possibly adopt ordinance transferring funds as follows:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
R&M Equipment	\$1,400.00	
Equipment Rental		\$1,400.00

INSPECTION & ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Utilities	\$ 491.78	
Education	300.00	
Miscellaneous		\$ 791.78

(Cont'd.)

STREET DEPARTMENT

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	Hot Mix	
	Cold Mix	\$3,000.00
11.	Amend Personnel Policies to reinstate Employee Longevity Benefits, in accordance with guidelines recommended by City Superintendent.	
12.	Amend Personnel Policies to give full-time employees permission to sell one (1) week of vacation each year, in accordance with guidelines recommended by City Superintendent.	
13.	City Superintendent to request guidance regarding the disposition of a disputed claim for damages to Animal Control vehicle.	
14.	Accept nominations and possibly appoint a citizen to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the election of Connie Kirk to the position of Mayor.	
15.	Consider and possibly approve option for curbside recycling under BFI contract renewal effective September 1, 1999.	
16.	Consider and possibly approve City Superintendent's recommendations regarding a new survey "off the center line."	
17.	Adopt "Excessive Force Resolution" as directed by Grant Coordinator.	
18.	Authorize City Secretary to apply for a VISA card for use by the City.	
20.	CVB Director's Report	
21.	City Superintendent's Report	
22.	Mayor's Report	

Action on Agenda Items:

1. The Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment Request was opened for discussion by Mayor Kirk, who asked realtor John Pruitt to offer some details as to plans for the property, which is owned by his cousin, Jesse Pruitt. Mr. Pruitt informed Council that the owners of the adjacent Mobil station planned to install an automated car wash on the lot. Speaking against the change were Mary Etta Williams, B.J. Morris, Brent Ferren, Marie Kelly and her daughter, Karol Riddles, all of whom cited noise, traffic, lights and water drainage as potential problems.
2. Upon a motion by Lila Carter and a second by Darrell Alldredge, Council voted unanimously to deny the Request for Change of Zoning.
3. Glenn Wilson moved that both the minutes of previous meetings and the bills be approved as written and presented. John Gore seconded the motion, which passed 4/0.

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4. After receiving assurance from City Superintendent Jeff Mackey that another, final plat would be required prior to final approval, Mr. Wilson moved that the initial plat of Britt Phillips' property be approved as presented. Ms. Carter provided a second, and the motion passed 4/0.
5. Mr. Wilson moved that the proposed 1999-2000 County Appraisal District Budget be approved as presented. Mr. Alldredge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
6. Amendment to Ordinance No. 299 (the "Sign Ordinance") will allow signs up to 48" x 48" for accommodations facilities operating under a Special Use Permit in a "R-1" Single Family Residential area. Mr. Alldredge moved that the amendment be approved as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, which passed 4/0.
7. Mr. Alldredge moved that Amendment to Sections 1 and 10 of Chapter 2 of the Glen Rose City Code, relating to the impoundment of animals and including an amended fee structure, be approved. Ms. Carter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
8. Ms. Carter made a motion to adopt an ordinance granting Restricted Prior Service Credit benefits through the Texas Municipal Retirement System, which would allow City employees to apply for work credits earned while employed by another municipality. Mr. Alldredge seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.
9. Mr. Alldredge moved that \$500,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Utility Fund, in accordance with directions from the City Auditor. Ms. Carter seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
10. Upon a motion by Mr. Alldredge and second by Mr. Gore, the Ordinance transferring funds from one line item to another within departments was approved 4/0.
11. With a motion by Ms. Carter and a second by Mr. Wilson, Council unanimously approved reinstatement of Employee Longevity Benefits, as follows:
 - a. All longevity pay will be calculated based upon the anniversary date of continuous employment that falls during the calendar year in which the pay is calculated and paid.

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- b. Longevity pay will be paid on December 1 of each year, or on the first working day following December 1.
 - c. Employees whose third year anniversary of employment falls during the calendar year will receive three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
 - d. Employees who have been continuously employed for longer than three (3) years will receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each year of continuous employment, up to a maximum of 25 years or \$2,500.00 per year.
- 12. Mr. Wilson moved to approve an Amendment to Personnel Policies to allow employees to sell to the City one week of vacation per year, with approval of the employee's supervisor and City Superintendent or City Secretary. Mr. Alldredge seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - 13. Council authorized Mr. Mackey to enlist the assistance of the City Attorney to try to reach a settlement in the disputed claim for damages incurred in a collision between the Animal Control vehicle and a private citizen's automobile.
 - 14. Karen Walls and Stacy Davenport were both suggested as nominees to fill the Council seat vacated by Connie Kirk's election to Mayor. Mr. Gore moved that Karen Walls be elected. There was no second and the motion was declared dead. Mr. Alldredge moved that Stacy Davenport be elected, and Ms. Carter provided a second. Mr. Alldredge and Ms. Carter voted for Mr. Davenport, and both Mr. Gore and Mr. Wilson abstained. Mr. Davenport was declared to be the new Councilman.
 - 15. Mr. Mackey explained that curbside recycling is available through BFI's proposed new contract, at a cost of \$1.99 per resident. Mr. Wilson suggested running an ad in the newspaper asking for opinions from citizens as to whether or not they want that service. Ms. Carter moved that the item be tabled until August. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

Mayor Kirk read a proclamation commending former mayor Helen Kerwin for her diligent effort in getting House Bill 508 passed by the 76th State Legislature. This bill provides that counties may enter into an interlocal agreement with cities to construct and/or maintain city streets, and will henceforth be known in Glen Rose and Somervell County as the "Helen Kerwin Bracket Bill."

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16. Mr. Mackey explained that County Surveyor Bill Gunn has requested that the Wolf City area be surveyed "off the center line" one lot at a time, as necessitated by sale or transfer of property. Since most of the property in that part of town has never been surveyed, it will require each landowner to agree to such a survey. Each lot would be measured from the center of the street (which would be considered to be the center of the right-of-way) to establish the front property line. There would be no cost to the City, and Mr. Gunn feels that this is the only way we might establish viable property lines in Wolf City. Ms. Carter moved that the proposal be accepted. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.
17. The "Excessive Force Resolution" as requested by the Grant Coordinator was described as piece of paperwork necessary to the submission of any request for grant funds, and states that any law enforcement agency within the city's jurisdiction will not use excessive force in attempting to subdue demonstrators. Mr. Alldredge moved that the Resolution be adopted, and Ms. Carter seconded the motion, which passed 3/0. Mr. Gore abstained, stating that he still did not understand the resolution.
18. Upon a motion by Mr. Gore and a second by Mr. Alldredge, the vote was unanimous to direct City Secretary Peggy Busch to apply for a credit card in the name of the City. Written guidelines, including use restrictions and a spending limit will be submitted to Council for approval in August.
19. Due to an error in numbering the agenda, there was no #19 listed.
20. CVB Director Donna Schott distributed samples of advertising being done by the CVB, and mentioned several requests for funding assistance that had been received recently. Since the building they are now using is rent-free, she asked for a transfer of funds in her budget. She was directed to include the request in the next meeting agenda. All council members were invited to attend the tourism workshop which will be held at the High School auditorium on August 3.
21. Mr. Mackey reported on the condition of the repaving of Mary Lynn Drive and Gay Lane. He also mentioned that the County will be shot-rocking all the streets in Wolf City this year, in preparation for beginning curb and gutter in that area.

Mr. Gore reported a problem of standing water at a Bosque Street location. Street Superintendent Steven Thompson assured him that he was aware of the problem, and would have it corrected as soon as he had an available crew.

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Ms. Carter asked the status of clean-up efforts by the Inspections & Ordinance Department and was told that several certified letters had been mailed the previous week to property owners who are not in compliance. The letters ranged from overgrown weeds to junked vehicles and sub-standard houses.

Mr. Mackey also reported that the Animal Control Facility is coming along nicely, with the laying of concrete blocks almost completed. Mayor Kirk mentioned that she had been in touch with Craig Brestrop, who reported that the Humane Society membership has dwindled from 18 to 6 in the last few weeks. Lack of available personnel may affect their ability to assist in the operation of the facility.

22. Mayor Kirk asked about the status of the burned mobile home behind the City Barn, which is owned by Mary Lee Lilly. Mr. Mackey said that Mrs. Lilly had been told that the trailer cannot be moved and must be torn down, and she is following up on her options.

Mayor Kirk also mentioned that she, Ms. Carter and Mr. Gore will be attending the annual meeting of the Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners in Lubbock Thursday through Saturday.

Other items discussed were:


- a. The status of Larry Smith's land, which is being considered for purchase by The Harris Group of Fort Worth.
- b. Status of the City's involvement in The Carpenter Group's proposal to build a \$38 million facility at the intersection of Hwys. 144 and 67.

A Budget Workshop was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 1999, just prior to the regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Alldredge, Mr. Gore and Ms. Carter all seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Connie Kirk, Mayor



Peggy Busch, City Secretary