

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 09, 2023 at 5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Glen Rose met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 09, 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 Julia Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember George Freas gave the invocation.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Julia Douglas, Mayor
Chip Joslin, Mayor Pro Tem
Kelly Harris, Councilmember
George Freas, Councilmember
Demetra Conrad, Councilmember
TJ Walker, Councilmember

Staff Present

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

CITIZEN/VISITOR COMMENTS

No one came forward to address the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation by Josiah Gaines to consider a biblical response to unbiblical ordinances**
Josiah Gaines gave a brief speech on biblical responses to unbiblical ordinances.
- 2. Presentation of Texas Municipal League Institute Awards**
Mayor Douglas was presented with the TMLI Award of Excellence and the City of Glen Rose was presented with the TMLI Award of Leadership.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 3. Public hearing regarding the proposed City of Glen Rose Comprehensive Plan**
Mayor Douglas opened the public hearing at 5:46 p.m. No one spoke in favor of or opposition to the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Douglas closed the public hearing.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the adoption of the City of Glen Rose Comprehensive Plan**

Abra Nusser, Peloton Land Solutions, presented the Council with the final draft of the City of Glen Rose Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION by Chip Joslin, second by TJ Walker, to approve the Comprehensive Plan. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING AND INCOMING MAYOR AND COUNCIL

5. Comments from Outgoing Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Douglas and Mayor Pro Tem addressed the audience and both thanked the residents of Glen Rose for the opportunity to serve them.

6. Administer Oaths of Office to Mayor and Councilmembers

Staci King, City Secretary, administered the Oaths of Office to Mayor Joe Boles and Councilmembers Demetra Conrad and Richard Bruning.

7. Comments from Incoming Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Boles, Councilmember Conrad, and Councilmember Bruning addressed the audience.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the election of Mayor Pro Tem

MOTION by Kelly Harris, second by Demetra Conrad, to elect George Freas as Mayor Pro Tem. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Board of Adjustment - Public hearing regarding a request for variance from the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Article 3.10 *Signs*, for the property located at 205 SW Barnard, commonly known as Inn on the River, to allow for a maximum sign height of 10 feet

10. Public hearing regarding a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Appendix A *Zoning Schedule of Uses and Notes*

Mayor Boles opened the public hearings at 6:15 p.m. No one came forward to speak in favor of or opposition to proposed items. Mayor Boles closed the public hearings at 6:17 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a request for variance from the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Article 3.10 *Signs*, for the property located at 205 SW Barnard, commonly known as Inn on the River, to allow for a maximum sign height of 10 feet

Pam Streeter, applicant was in attendance to answer questions regarding the request for variance.

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to approve a request for variance to allow for a maximum sign height of 10 feet at Inn on the River, located at 205 SW Barnard. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding an Ordinance amending the City of Glen Rose Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Appendix A *Zoning Schedule of Uses and Notes*

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on April 25, 2023 to consider the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

- Addition of Bed and Breakfast as an allowable use in B1 and B2
- Requiring an SUP for any commercial business greater than 11,999 gfa

Discussion was held regarding the Commission's process for choosing 11,999 gfa, as well as requiring a Special Use Permit versus a variance.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by George Freas, to approve Ordinance No. 2023.05.09.A amending the Zoning Schedule of Uses and Notes. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding changing speed limits near Glen Rose ISD campuses

Wayne McKethan, Interim City Administrator, presented the item to Council. A request had been made to review the 15 mile per hour speed limit on streets surrounding GRISD schools. Mr. McKethan requested authorization for a traffic study as required by statute when setting speed limits in school zones.

MOTION by TJ Walker, second by Demetra Conrad, to authorize the City to contract a 2-day traffic study. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a request for a Special Alcohol Usage Permit for Paluxy River Fest

Kelly Harris, acting in her role as Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, presented the request to Council.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by George Freas, to approve a Special Alcohol Usage Permit for Paluxy River Fest. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote with Kelly Harris abstaining.

15. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the City of Glen Rose's membership in TEX-21

Staff received notification that the City's membership in TEX-21 was expiring and requested Council's input on renewing said membership. Councilmembers TJ Walker and George Freas, the City's TEX-21 representatives, provided their input and feedback on the benefits of membership.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by Rich Bruning, to renew the City's membership. MOTION CARRIED with Kelly Harris casting a dissenting vote.

16. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding a Resolution changing the May 23, 2023 Regular City Council meeting date

This item was removed from the agenda. No action taken.

17. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding bids to replace flooring at City Hall

Staci King, City Secretary, presented the item to Council. Bids were received from Somervell Flooring, Springtown Flooring, and Danny's Flooring. Springtown Flooring was the lowest bid, however the City's purchasing policy allows for the council to consider the benefit to the local economy when awarding bids.

MOTION by Kelly Harris, second by TJ Walker, to award the flooring bid to Somervell Flooring. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

18. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the creation of a Development Director position and other matters related thereto

Councilmember Conrad briefed the Council on this item. Discussion was held regarding the duties and necessity of this position. Councilmember Harris stated that she believed the creation of a new position should wait until a new City Administrator was hired. Councilmember Walker stated that she believed the priority should be filling current vacancies.

MOTION by Demetra Conrad, second by George Freas, to approve the creation of a Director of Development Position. MOTION CARRIED by the following votes:

Ayes: Demetra Conrad, George Freas, Rich Bruning

Noes: Kelly Harris, TJ Walker

CONSENT AGENDA

19. Approval or other action regarding the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting
20. Consider approval or other action regarding an accounts payable report for payments made during April 2023
21. Consider approval or other action regarding a financial report for the month of April 2023
22. Approval or other action regarding Resolution No. R-2023.05.09A and Resolution No. R-2023-05-09.B amending bank signatories for First Financial Bank and Interbank accounts.

MOTION by Kelly Harris, second by TJ Walker, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

23. Public Works Director Report
24. Police Chief Report
25. Building and Planning Department Report
26. Code Enforcement and Animal Control Report
27. Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Report
28. City Secretary's Report
29. City Administrator's Report

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

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:

30. *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*

Mayor Boles called the meeting into executive session at 7:44 p.m. The meeting was called back to regular session at 7:52 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NECESSARY

31. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding action taken on items discussed in Executive Session: *Section 551.074 Personnel Matters: City Administrator*
MOTION by Kelly Harris, second by Demetra Conrad, to direct City Secretary Staci King to schedule interviews as discussed in executive session. MOTION CARRIED by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Joe Boles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Staci L. King, City Secretary