

**Glen Alpine Board of Alderman
Regular Meeting: January 2, 2019**

Present: Mayor Benfield, S. Perkins, T. Suttles, R. Cox, G. Meise, J. Falls
Clerk S. Farris, Attorney R. Denton

-Call to order

-Invocation

-Pledge of Allegiance

-Public Comments

- Mayor Benfield addressed that public comments are only to be made during Public Comment section at meetings.

- **Reid Scott** – Minutes are not on the website. Last ones were in September. Someone is not doing their job.

-**Eva & Greg Barrier** – see attached letter

-**Michelle Lewis** – I am opposed to firearms in the Town of Glen Alpine because it is a danger to have a firearm in such a small area. Anyone that knows me, knows that I hunt. When we implemented the Urban Archery, when I was on the board, we did that to give hunters the right to have the extra hunting season. It is not a firearm capability, it is a crossbow capability. It is safer to use a crossbow than it is to use a firearm. I hunt in Glen Alpine with a crossbow, not a firearm and as a hunter I don't want it. Don't want it in my community.

-**Christy Ramsey** – see attached letter

-**Nicole Benfield** – I am here to reiterate what the past three people have said. As well as my brother and my neighbor here, we have kids that run up and down Linville Street, Lail Road and putting a gun law to where we can shoot, a stray bullet has no eyes. My son or my nephew could be walking on Lail Road and a stray bullet could hit them, and their only 10 and 11. And I'm sure everyone understands that kids are going to play. They do not know property lines, they will play and this is not an ordinance that needs to pass. We don't need to pacify one person and put everyone in danger.

-**Jody Lewis**- I'm opposed to it too. Because of the school up here and the kids. Everybody here knows that a high-powered rifle can travel 2800 to 3200 feet. Once you send it, you can't bring it back. Even after it hits the animal, what's that bullet going to do. You have to factor that in. I have never heard of a hunting accident where a person was killed with a bow. I haven't went online and gotten any stats, but I am 50 years old

and have never heard of anyone getting killed by a bow, it's always a bullet. Think about that.

-Travis Benfield- I do not want to see this passed, the firearm discharge in the limits of Glen Alpine and I hunt. Main reason is, I have a crossbow, shooting 80 feet at 330 feet per second. There are more people in the woods hunting with a gun than with a bow. It's harder to kill a deer with a bow. Takes more confidence, more will power. This gun stuff is too easy. I've got kids, little ones. I am a victim of gun violence. I don't want to see an accident happen in this community and it rest on your shoulders or anyone in this room. It isn't right. I want my kid to be able to hunt and fish just like I am. Being able to discharge a firearm less than 200-300 from someone's house, it's unnecessary. I do not want it in my community because I know bad things will happen. There're too many people out here and it will be well, I don't get to hunt, I don't have the land. It's going to go back and forth, and a lot of bickering will happen. I don't want it happening when kids that are getting off the school bus or on in early morning when deer are most present. I do not want this passed and that's all I have to say

-Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Falls, Passed 5-0

-Approval of Departmental Reports:

Motion made by Falls, Passed 5-0

-Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Meise, Passed 5-0

-Old Business:

1. Zoning request meeting set for January 10th @ 5:00PM
2. Security meeting – set for Jan.10th at 11:00AM
3. Ordinance updating options, post pone until next meeting to look over ordinance samples.
4. Mission Statement – have mission statement included with Comp Land Use Plan, will vote on when we receive from WPCOG.

-New Business:

- Items for Decision:

1. Fire Department Relief Fund members – Fire Chief requests to Add Adam Marlowe to replace Tony Moses, keep others the same. Motion made by Suttles, Passed 5-0.

2. Ordinance change request – Motion made by Falls to keep hunting ordinance as is, Passed 4-1.

Motion made by Cox to adjourn, Passed 5-0.

**Glen Alpine Board of Alderman Special Meeting
January 18, 2019**

Present: Mayor Benfield, S. Perkins, T. Suttles, R. Cox, G. Meise, J. Falls
Clerk S. Farris

- Items for Decision:

1. Security for Town Hall – Motion made by Perkins to approve option for Town Hall and Option #1 for PW building, Passed 5-0

Closed Session:

1. Personnel Issue

Motion made by Falls to back in to Open Session.

Motion made by Cox to adjourn.