**Town of Glen Alpine**

**Board of Alderman Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2023, 6pm**

**Members Present: Mayor Benfield, Clerk Lalonde, Attorney Denton,**

**T. Helms, M. Lewis, S. Perkins, J. Miller**

**CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Benfield called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION-** Moment of Silence

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**- Motion made by Perkins to approve agenda; Pass 4-0

**APPROVAL OF DEPT REPORTS-**Motion made by Miller to approve dept reports; Pass 4-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**Motion made by Lewis to approve minutes; Pass 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Disposal of old Dump Truck**-Public Works supervisor Nick Adams states that he would like the board to consider keeping the older dump truck. Nick states that the truck has no mechanical issues & low mileage. Hard trash is easier & faster with 2 trucks. Just last month the tire on the newer dump had to be repaired, causing them to lose 2 days and get behind. Nick states that the Town is growing so should the equipment. Helms states that the Town can’t keep collecting trucks, that he picked hard trash up with one truck for years, and never had a problem. Millers ask, “if we sell the truck what will we get out of it?” Helms replies with “20-25 thousand”. Mayor Benfield says he sees both sides of it.” Even though we are crowded, if we have a truck break down, we are in trouble. The guys get behind and then complaints come in.” Perkins agrees with seeing both sides. Mayor states if the new truck tears up, parts are hard to find these days.

**Equipment for new patrol cars-**We have quotes for all the equipment for the new vehicles as well as stripping $15,880. Helms questions the purchase of radios. Fire Chief Marlowe explained the difference between handheld radios and the radios in cars and how they all must be upgraded by 2025. Perkins asks if everything in the quote was mandatory. Marlowe stated it was.

**Firetruck chassis-**Fire Chief Marlowe states that the new price of the chassis is $10,699. More than expected, this is due to the manufacturer not building anymore 2022 models and ours will be a 2024 model.

He also stated that Brendletown is selling 2016 for $275K, if they are interested in that if we can get out of our current contract. Marlowe also stated that we would be returning the 1970 model pick-up truck to Brendletown.

Perkins commended Chief Marlowe for all his hard work and for all the grants that he is getting for our fire department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget Amendments-**Clerk Lalonde presented budget amendments needed per the Auditors.

**Set date for budget retreat -** Meeting set for January 23 at 7pm

**Estimate for sidewalk repair-Powell Bill-**sidewalks.

**Estimate for drain repair behind stage-** The drain in the parking lot behind the stage is broken and causing the concrete to bust and wash out.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION:**

**Disposal of old Dump Truck-**Motion made by Helms to place the Chevrolet truck on Govdeals; Pass 4-0

**Budget Amendments**-Motion made by Helms to accept the amendments;

pass 4-0

**Equipment for new patrol cars-**Motion made by Lewis to use ARP funds for equipment; Pass 4-0

**Firetruck chassis-**Motion made by Helms to have the attorney look at the contract; Pass 4-0

**Estimate for sidewalk repair-Powell Bill-**Motion made by Helms to approve the estimate for Powell bill funds; pass 4-0

**Estimate for drain repair behind stage-**motion made by Perkins to use $4260 ARP funds to repair the drain; Pass 4-0

**CLOSED SESSION:**

§ 143-318.11 (3)