

Glen Alpine Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023 6 pm

Present: Mayor Benfield, Clerk Reed, S. Perkins, T. Helms, M. Lewis, J. Miller

**Call to Order-** Mayor Benfield called the meeting to order at 6pm

**Approval of Agenda-** J. Miller made motion to approve the agenda; Pass 4-0

**Approval of Department Reports-** J. Miller made motion to approve dept reports; Pass 4-0

**Approval of Minutes-** Motion made by T. Helms & J. Miller to approve Minutes; Pass 4-0

**Public Comments:**

**Janice Harrison:** commented that the police department specifically Officer Trull was appreciated because he found her screen door opened and was concerned so he stopped to make sure she was ok and she sees them all ride through the town regularly.

**Nancy Duckworth:** she is a resident here in Glen Alpine. She stated that she is against closing the Police Department. She has had several incidents where she has needed an officer at her house and R. Cox has made several visits to her house because she needed help. She believes it would be stupid to close the EMS. She is familiar with how important having emergency personnel in town is. Ms. Duckworth said she knows several individuals on the board and in the town and she loves everyone in Glen Alpine.

**Luke Boone:** commented that he appreciates the Mayor and Clerk, and the Board for holding the meetings and running the town the best way, we know how because he stated it's a thankless job. He said the board has two vacancies and Mr. Swink, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Marlow and himself are all running for those positions and its awesome to live in a country where have the right to vote. He wanted to take this opportunity to make a couple requests. He said starting off the meeting with prayer and he said he knows several people who would be willing to participate in leading the prayer once a month. Also open the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. He stated he had spoken with several people with the teachers association and they would have no problem having a teacher and/or a student from each grade lead in the town in the pledge. He asked if the town supports anything with the local elementary school? He mentioned there are a lot of kids in Glen Alpine who don't have resources to attend extra activities and the teachers are using their own money to help these kids. He stated he would like for the town to donate a little money to the PTO to help these kids.

**Tim Suttles:** He asked first if we have found out anything about the trees in the road on Lail Road. He said he spoke to the clerk two months ago and she said she would check but nothing has been done.

**Mr. Benfield:** He said the state has been contacted but nothing has been done.

**Tim Suttles:** Asked Mr. Benfield if they said they would take care of it?

**Mr. Benfield:** I have no idea what they said I just know we contacted them.

**Tim Suttles:** The other comment I would like to make is for everyone to think about if your driving down the road and you see a policeman sitting there. What is the first thing you do? Two minutes later you get blue lighted and told your speeding. He believes that is not a reason to give somebody a speeding ticket. He said "he" was given a speeding ticket, he didn't show himself and told the Town Clerk that he wanted

to speak to the Chief but he was off that day. They have three days to pay these tickets and that was the third day. He called Rodney and asked for a return phone call but as of today he hasn't called him back. Mr. Suttles stated that was sorry. He mentioned its not his money, he's a young kid and he thinks it should be given back to him. He said he has hit his brake lights a million times when I see a police officer sitting on the side of the road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

FESTIVAL UPDATE

**Mr. Benfield** said it was a success. We had a good turnout. He added Fire Department did pretty good on the bbq. He said we'll discuss it again next year and see if we want to do it again.

**Mrs. Harrison** asked if the music could start at 6pm instead of 7pm.

**Mr. Benfield** commented that they have to play a 3 hour set. That's what we pay for is sets.

SIDEWALKS ON LINVILLE STREET

**Mr. Helms** made motion to provide bids for repairs at next meeting. Table the decision for next months meeting. Pass; 4-0

AUDIT DRAFT

**Mr. Benfield** stated that the audit had been completed and would be presented at the next meeting scheduled for Nov. 13.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION:**

HIRING PROCESS FOR POLICE OFFICER

**Michelle Lewis** made the motion that the website be updated to add the job posting. **Tommy Helms** seconded. Pass; 4-0

SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE

**Michelle Lewis** made the motion to approve this and use ARP money. **Tommy Helms** seconded. Pass; 4-0

ADDING SHORE LINES FOR FIRE TRUCKS

**Michelle Lewis** made motion to approve the request to add lines and use South Mtn Electric since the circuits were included in their bid. **Sheila Perkins** seconded. Pass; 4-0

POLICE VEHICLES ON GOV.DEALS

**Sheila Perkins** made the motion to approve the request. 2006 Ford Truck, Reserve at \$2500, 2012 Ford Taurus, Reserve at \$2200. **Tommy Helms** seconded. Pass; 4-0

Meeting adjourned