

**Glen Alpine Board of Alderman  
Minutes  
Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present: Mayor Michelle Lewis, Mayor Pre-tem Luke Boone, Aldermen Jason Miller, Sheila Perkins and Reid Scott. Mayor-Elect Kevin Herron, Alderman-Elect Chad Wykle, Clerk Reed and Attorney Dentont**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6PM BY Mayor Lewis**

**INVOCATION by Pastor John Terry**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Glen Alpine Student Council**

**MAYORS COMMENTS, M. Lewis stated the meeting would be a little out of the normal tonight due to the new elected officials ceremony. Any items that have been discussed previously and tabled will be moved to January.**

**Elected Officials Ceremony, Crystal Carpenter, Clerk of Court administered oaths and all repeated the oath of office.**

**Kevin Herron- Mayor**

**Chad Wykle- Alderman**

**Jason Miller- Alderman**

**Sheila Perkins- Alderwoman**

**Mayor Kevin Herron, convened the remainder of the business meeting. He asked if any of the elected officials wanted to speak.**

**Chad Wykle, stated he is glad to be back where he calls home. He, his wife and family moved away about 20 years ago but he is glad to be back in the community that he loves. He is looking forward to serving on the board with his fellow aldermen.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA, J. Miller made motion to approve, All in favor-Passed**

**APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT REPORTS, R. Scott asked about the Police report and why the daily activity isn't provided.**

**Chief Penley and Officer Trull stated that a document was sent from Burke Co Dispatch labeled that the information is not public record.**

**R. Denton asked if there is a statute on that.**

**Chief Penley said he would have to research it.**

**S. Perkins made a motion to approve the Dept Reports. All in favor, Passed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, L. Boone made motion to approve. All in favor, Passed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Deanna Boone-Pea Ridge Street, she stated that all emergency personnel need to be recognize and appreciated. Especially the volunteer firefighters, they answer calls at all hours and without recognition. They see and witness things that are unimaginable. She stated that if they are at their desk or standing outside having a laughter moment doesn't mean they are lazy. They are supporting each other and she sees nothing**

wrong with it. That is way for them to stay human while they work. She said her point is that they helped and took upon themselves to assist with the festival and make it a success. They need to be compensated for helping and its disappointing that this is such an issue. She said it sends a message that their time and efforts are not valuable. The personal differences need to be put aside and do what is right. Stan Benedict- Old Lumberyard Rd, stated his appreciation for the new officials that were just re-elected. He commented about the nice new police vehicles. He asks that all town board members get involved with the community and events. He hopes that more positive synergy will happen in 2026. His goal is everyone to be more accountable. He is all about livestreaming of meetings but spend the money so that the quality is better.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM, Mayor Herron asked for nominations.**

**R. Scott nominated Chad Wykle**

**Mayor Herron asked Luke Boone if he still has interest in staying as Pro-tem, he stated yes.**

**Mayor Herron asked for votes for Chad Wykle, R. Scott voted yes**

**Mayor Herron asked for votes for Luke Boone, S. Perkins, J. Miller and L. Boone voted yes**

**L. Boone will remain Mayor Pro-tem**

**J. Miller made motion to schedule the meeting dates as followed. All in favor, Passed 2026 MEETING DATES, all at 6pm**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**DISCUSSION: LIVE STREAMING MEETINGS, Jason Miller**

**J. Miller said in order to be transparent we need to live stream or record and post online. Item to be moved to January 2026 for Decision with the goal to make this happen.**

**L. Boone stated we talk to Sawyer, Digital Eyes that was here last month about this. He asks if we can remove the comments option.**

**R. Denton stated he doesn't think you can for legal reasons. He recommends letting**

people say what they want, positive or negative.

J. Miller said he is ok not making a decision tonight but asked that it be moved to Decision in January. He stated he would help with it and he told Crystal he would be willing to. All in favor of moving item to January for Decision.

**DISCUSSION: PERSONNEL POLICY**, Jason Miller, he explains why he asked for this to be discussed is because it was kicked around several times but he understands that the board agreed to adopt a personnel policy as it is written. But he remembers saying we would reach out to other towns, cities or the WPCOG for help.

S. Perkins said she spoke to WPCOG and they will not provide a Personnel Policy.

J. Miller said we could reach out to Drexel, Valdese, Morganton.

R. Denton said he reached out to Morganton's city attorney but has not heard back.

Clerk Reed stated she emailed a copy of Morganton's policy to all of them several months back.

Mayor Herron asked that he and Chad Wykle have some time to get caught up to speed and we reconvene later to discuss. He said he would try to have some information as well.

**DECISION: PURCHASE OF BULLET PROOF VESTS**, Chief Penley, he stated he has money in his budget to purchase these vests and they are seriously needed but letting the board know he is going to purchase them. L. Boone made a motion we approve and accept the quote. All in favor, Passed

**Motion made to Adjourn**