

October 15, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Denny were Jo Temple, Council Vice-President; David Miller, Council Member; Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer; Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator; and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney Rick Coleman, Code Enforcement Officer, was absent.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the September 9, 2024 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$21,000.00	Meter Deposit Fund	\$150.00
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$185.12	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$9,755.98
Park Fund	\$220.18	Payroll Fund	\$6,817.93
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$10,747.08	Total	\$48,876.37

Unfinished Business

The Council opened one sealed bid received for the purchase of the 2009 Mercury. The only bid of \$1,005.00 was from David Miller. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to accept the bid from David Miller. Two Council Members approved the motion with David Miller abstaining from the vote. Denny will contact the purchaser to obtain payment and provide the vehicle title.

Denny introduced Chris Reynolds who requested the opportunity to become Glenwood's part-time Marshal. Also introduced was Braden Buckley who volunteered to be Glenwood's Reserve Officer. Each provided career background. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to appoint Chris Reynolds as Glenwood's part-time Marshal effective immediately. Approval was unanimous. Chris stated he would be appointing Braden Buckley as a Reserve Officer. Denny will work with Chris to determine supply needs including a service weapon.

There was no update on the water utility improvement project. Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. is working on revising the project cost.

Paul reported that the Well #2 repair is still outstanding.

Denny stated that the bus stop signs and alley traffic resolution are still on hold.

The Council discussed unsafe buildings. Mary reported that she has not received any information regarding the Rush County Foundation's Lilly GIFT VIII application that includes funds for blighted property. However, Mary provided an update from an AIM Ideas Summit workshop provided by an attorney from Taft. It is acceptable to go on property to inspect a potential issue as long as there is not locked gates. Inside a home or building cannot be accessed without the property owner's permission or a court order. Also, all parties must be notified of a violation to include the property owner(s), lienholders, and renters. Geoffrey Wesling clarified that only law enforcement officers can enter the property for inspections.

Denny provided the officers with new business cards that included a copy of the town mural.

The Council discussed the status of the Community Center LED lights and ceiling repair. Mary said that she is concerned that all the ARPA funds have not been spent. \$1500 is committed for the community center lighting and ceiling repair. Besides this, \$1500 is allocated to installing the radar signs, and \$876 is unallocated but there was discussion or rubber mulch. If the funds are not spent by year end, we risk losing the money. We could have a commitment with someone but if that falls through, it cannot be changed.

Paul reported that the light on the south edge of 208 N Main has been replaced with LED. Mary reported that the town will be receiving a \$60 rebate from Duke Energy for lighting conversion.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to appoint Rosie Rummel as a Park Board Member. Approval was unanimous.

Denny said he will follow up with the status of the radar speed signs installation.

The Council discussed the purchase of playground rubber mulch. It was determined that purchasing the mulch in Liberty would be the same cost as paying the shipping from online ordering. Jo will order the mulch from Wally World.

The Council discussed where the ADA sign should be posted at town hall. David explained that in researching the ADA sign requirement for town hall, he received information from the county that Glenwood's signs are not the correct height. It was agreed that signage will be corrected whenever they are changed.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson for the Town to purchase candy and distribute it at Town Hall on Halloween. Any officer or employee can participate. Approval was unanimous.

New Business

The Council discussed a recent complaint that a property is in violation of the animal ordinance with chickens, goats, ponies, and a horse. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the animal violation template letter and to send to the property owner. Approval was unanimous. Mary offered to send the letter on behalf of the Town Council.

Mary stated another complaint was received regarding loud music. Glenwood and Rush County do not have a noise ordinance. Mary stated that since the county does not have an ordinance, the Sheriff's office may not address a complaint. She was not sure if the State had a statute. David reminded the Council to be careful with a noise ordinance affecting the state highway. Geoffrey Wesling stated it may be hard to enforce a noise ordinance. It was mentioned that the Town Marshal might stop and discuss the matter with the household having the loud music. Mary said she will check if Rushville has a noise ordinance.

Mary provided the invitation to the Rush County Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

The Council discussed a situation where a Glenwood property owner tried to get a building permit from Fayette County and was sent to the Rush County APC. They were told that Rush County could not issue the permit. Mary provided the 1970 ordinance covering that Glenwood is part of the Rush County Area Plan Commission and this has been the practice for over fifty years. Geoffrey Wesling said that his understanding was that the situation did not require a permit. Mary agreed that there could have been a reason the permit was not required; but based on the documentation she was provided, she was still questioning if the Rush County APC will issue permits on the Fayette County side of Glenwood. If not, she questioned if the Council will request zoning be handled by Fayette County. The Council discussed the matter but no action was taken to determine how the Fayette County, Glenwood, zoning and permits would be handled if not being included in the Rush County APC process.

Mary reported on the stewardship award received by Boyce Systems at the recent Boyce conference. Mary had submitted a survey regarding the town's dedicated officers and employees. Besides the framed certificate, she received a \$50 Amazon card. Mary said she would replace the card with cash if the Council would want to do something for the officers and employees.

An update from the Park Board meeting was discussed. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the purchase of food, drinks, and supplies for the community supper scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Mary said she is on a Rush County APC committee and working on drafting changes to the zoning ordinance based on the projections in the County's comprehensive Plan draft. They are working on the solar ordinance first.

Mary reminded the Council that the Glenwood portion of the Rush County comprehensive plan will be presented for approval at the November Council meeting. If anyone has any questions, now is the time to address them.

Mary will be attending an Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) meeting on October 24, 2024.

The Council discussed the September 28, 2024 clean-up day in Glenwood provided by the Rush County Foundation. The event went well with three dumpsters provided.

Mary provided the Council with Rush County's ordinance increasing the public safety tax rate from .16% to 1%. This is a local income tax.

Mary reported that the town's website has been reviewed by Municipal Impact and we are ADA compliant. However, they are making a change to the website core to satisfy an ADA issue. This should not affect us.

Mary said she was notified that property was mowed for weed violation but she cannot bill the property owner without a copy of the violation letter. Denny will provide the letter to her. Mary also stated that the Taft attorney at the conference stated we should have a tape in the picture to show how high the grass is so that needs to be added to next year's procedures. Also, it was suggested that the grass be eight inches high and Glenwood's ordinance is six inches. She asked if the Council wanted to change the ordinance. No action was taken.

Mary stated she saw where there is a Duke Safety Grant if anyone would want to research it.

Mary said that she has seen where some towns are converting to billing by 100's instead of 1000's to get a more accurate reading. The current software allows for both methods. Paul confirmed that Glenwood is reading the meters in 100's.

Mary discussed the town obtaining a positive-pay process. The State Board of Accounts has been encouraging this program. Recently, a town had a loss from a fraudulent check clearing their account. Mary explained that individuals have regulatory protection for fraudulent checks and charges, but the town is not protected. Mary discussed the situation with a First Financial representative at the AIM Ideas Summit. Mary said as financial officer she will follow up on getting the process. It will be time-consuming but an important process to protect the town. Mary will submit all checks written and ACH/debit card transactions. The bank will match these and if a transaction is not on the list, they will ask for approval or reject the transaction. Mary will follow up with additional information for obtaining this service.

Mary noted that she is required to document 14 hours of training this year. She is planning to attend a virtual meeting next week. She can get two hours of SBOA training for \$100 with an additional day of other training for \$25 more. There won't be much more training available for the rest of the year.

Paul Sembach provided his written report. Paul commented that the lead service line issue has been resolved for one property. This property no longer needs an annual letter. He is working on another property with possible unknown service line information. Paul stated he has a skid of salt for the winter.

Other Business

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to adjourn the meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer