

September 8, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken and 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. Chris Reynolds, Marshal, and Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer, were absent. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens.

Denny then opened the first public hearing for the 2026 Glenwood budget. Denny stated anyone wanting to comment should go to the podium and state their name and if they are commenting in favor or against the proposed ordinance. Each person was allowed three minutes and must sign the meeting sign-up sheet. There were no questions or comments.

Denny moved to the second public hearing regarding the proposed 2025-7 Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts and Utility Terrain Vehicles. George Stamm asked a question regarding the proposed ordinance. Kevin Turner commented on the ordinance.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to close the public hearings. Approval was unanimous.

Denny reopened the council meeting.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the August 11, 2025 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

Mary noted that she paid gas lock-in fees for estimated 2025-2026 town hall and community center gas usage. A motion was made 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	\$3,534.35	Water Utility Meter Deposit Fund	\$150.00
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$193.81	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$5,043.80
Park Fund	\$278.12	Payroll Fund	\$5,106.34
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$9,807.53	Total	\$24,113.95

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve Ordinance 2025-8 for the \$10,000.00 transfer of water funds. Approval was unanimous.

Unfinished Business

Mary noted that she attended a picnic supporting Congressman Jefferson Shreve. She thanked him for getting the \$2 million grant from Congress. The grant is pending appropriation approval. The Congressman discussed the Glenwood water project in his speech. The Congressman's Aid invited her to a Fayette County farm meeting that the Congressman was attending.

Based on the fact that the entire proposed Ordinance was made available prior to the Town Council meeting, a motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to suspend the rules to read the proposed Ordinance out loud, waive the first reading, and act upon the 2025-7 Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts and Utility Terrain Vehicles. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the 2025-7 Ordinance Regulating Golf Carts and Utility Terrain Vehicles. Approval was unanimous.

Mary provided the Council with the first draft of an ordinance covering trash and burning. Mary primarily considered IDEM requirements and added information from other towns. She expressed concern if part of the language was legal. Mary also stated that the current grass/weed ordinance works well and recommended it not be included in this ordinance, primarily because giving an option to dispute the violation would postpone the mowing. Almost a season could go by without remediation. Mary also suggested that containers not be stored between the sidewalk and street.

Geoff Wesling stated that any legal action will require a court order. However, the current weed and grass ordinance is sufficient as the Town may access property to mow. It was agreed the weeds and grass do not need to be included in the revised trash ordinance. There was discussion as to what action can be taken by the County.

No quote was received for the Fire Station and Lagoon stone.

Denny stated that the police radio may be the issue with the police vehicle.

The keys inventory is pending.

The Council received three quotes to remove the dead tree on the town's unmaintained alley on West State Street. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to accept the \$1000.00 quote from David Miller. Denny and Jo voted in favor of the motion. David abstained from voting.

Mary noted that the 2026 budget will be approved at the October meeting. The total amount cannot change, but she can move appropriations if the Council wants to change the salary ordinance.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to increase the elected officers' salaries by three percent, effective January 1, 2026. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to increase all hourly wages by fifty cents per hour, effective January 1, 2026. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to increase the town attorney's legal service by \$150.00 per quarter, effective October 1, 2025. Approval was unanimous.

There was no update on the water tank inspection.

There was a discussion about Fayette County being responsible for Glenwood's Fayette County properties' zoning. Mary clarified that she contacted the APC Director and they cannot take any action without the council's consent since the town is incorporated. Geoff said he will contact the Director.

New Business

Mary provided the Council with a draft revising the public records ordinance. Towns are having issues with bulk document requests where companies are gathering and selling information. The revised ordinance will state that information cannot be used for commercial purposes. The ordinance will also reduce the cost of printed copies from \$1.00 to \$.10 per state statute. The Council agreed to post the ordinance notice for consideration at the October meeting.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to celebrate Halloween on the traditional date of Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., which is the same as the previous years. Approval was unanimous.

The Council agreed to hand out candy on Halloween. Mary stated she can get free shipping for today and tomorrow and will order candy and some holiday supper favors.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to have a town clean-up day on Saturday, October 18, from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Approval was unanimous.

Mary discussed the need to upgrade the computer she uses. The current memory requires a larger drive. Mary retains electronic copies of many files which are easier for research than relying on paper files. The IT contact said the computer sharing issue is 95% the current internet and 5% the limited memory.

Quotes for a new computer were \$2405 for 16GB and \$2195 for 32GB, plus \$510 in labor. The 15GB is recommended as additional drives can be added. Plus, the plan is to replace the computer every four to five years.

Ronnie Schaeffer requested to provide a quote for his services as well as a computer. The Council agreed to table the issue until the October meeting.

Ronnie also discussed the Verkade approximate \$12,000 quote for park cameras. The cameras can ID persons so that law enforcement can follow up. The Council was concerned with the cost and would rather wait until spring when the playground is under construction to determine camera needs. The existing camera set up works for ongoing monitoring.

Mary stated that the State Board of Accounts audit is in process. The Examiner is working from electronic files at this point but will be on-site beginning September 22.

Reports

It was reported that the Rush Co Area Plan Commission (APC) did not meet this month. But Mary has attended the revised ordinance steering committee. This is a major format revision with some recommended language changes.

There has not been a recent Lilly Endowment Gift committee meeting. However, the Foundation Director told Mary that he will need the contact information for those that will be attending the playground design meeting.

Mary reported to the Council that two potential blighted properties are being sold at a tax sale. Neither property owner is cooperating with the Foundation for the blighted project. Geoff said it would be sad if Glenwood did not get any benefit from this blighted program.

After discussion regarding missing shingles on town hall, a motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Denny Richardson to contract for replacement. Approval was unanimous.

Denny stated that he still has not been able to contract for repairs to holes in the alleys and streets.

Mary stated bins have been delivered. She and her employees will go through the records and provide a report to the Rush County Clerk documenting destroyed records. The documentation needs to include all appropriate record codes.

There was discussion regarding the google drive that was used for this month's council packet. The cost for the drop box was more expensive than expected. The google drive is free. Mary said she starts providing documents to the Council about three weeks prior to a meeting. She recommended the Council look at documents a least once per week and more often during the week prior to the meeting.

It was mentioned that the Commonwealth Client Appreciation dinner is Tuesday, Oct 21 at the French Lick Clifton Ballroom. There are no host hotel rooms available but you can be put on a wait list.

Mary provided the Council with information regarding the Indiana Bond Bank. This might be a good option for replacing the 2004 town truck. Mary is hoping the town can get a grant for replacing the police vehicle, but this might also be an option if a grant cannot be obtained. Also, the town truck is over twenty years old.

Mary discussed the News-Examiner now publishing one day per week. She mentioned that legal notices will need to be sent to the newspaper way in advance to allow for the ten-day publication.

Mary provided a reminder to watch for the Whitewater Region IFA district meeting that will be schedule for this fall. It will be in New Castle which is the closest one will be prior to Feb. At least one meeting must be attended within a year.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report.

Paul stated that the gas company's insurance will not allow an LP tank without a tag. The Community Center's tank may need to be replaced. It was mentioned that the tank size might be reduced.

Paul mentioned that Duke Energy plans to have a four-hour electric turn off from the alley to the water plant. It is hoped that Duke will notify the property owners.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer