

## Glenwood City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2025

Glenwood City Council met for a committee meeting on Tues, March 11th, 2025 at 6:01pm in Council Chambers prior to the City Council meeting. Mayor Angela Winquist called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Laurie Smithers, Natalie McEwen, Donnie Kates Christina Duran & Mike Lines. City employees present: Captain Kirk Worcester, Chief Matt Gray, Jamey Clark, Mitch Kolf, Dannielle Arnold, Nancy Godfrey & Tara Painter. Guests: Joe Foreman.

*Committee meetings are open to the public and for discussion only, no action is taken, but a quorum is usually present. Action, if any, will be taken during the Council Meeting following the committee meetings or at another scheduled council meeting.*

**Finance-Presentation FY26 Budget Review**-Highlights in the budget include Glenwood having the lowest property tax rate for cities of a comparable size in Southwest Iowa. Police and Fire/EMS make up 54.3% of the General Fund Expenditures. Street improvements including the Sharp Street overlay and the Chestnut Street Drainage projects are being funded with the 2024 GO Bond. The CDBG Downtown Revitalization grant, to include matching funds from the city, will improve storefront facades. Funds have been set aside to address potential pool repairs identified in the engineering report. Budget issues include a limited property tax growth. With operating expenditures greater than revenues, in the initial scorecard, cuts are required in order to structurally balance the budget.

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Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Winquist called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Council Members were present: Laurie Smithers, Natalie McEwen, Christina Duran, Donnie Kates & Mike Lines. City employees present: Captain Kirk Worcester, Chief Matt Gray, Jamey Clark, Mitch Kolf, Dannielle Arnold, Nancy Godfrey, Ron Mattox, Jacob Weilage, Daniel Gregory & Tara Painter. Guests: Joe Foreman, Brad Oliver, Roger Williams.

Motion McEwen/2nd Smithers to approve the Consent Agenda as printed: Agenda, Abstract of Claims #17, Minutes from 02.25.2025 & 02.27.2025, Rex Theater-Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License (LC): Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

#### Committee Reports

**Finance**-Reviewed draft of FY26 budget. This was a very detailed report.

#### Departmental Reports

**Painter-Library**-There are a lot of problems with the printers, which take up a lot of time. There are also network issues. Would like these issues reported to Access Systems to get to the heart of the problem.

**Mattox-Park/Rec**-Chad Stouder will have waterlines done by April 15th. Communicate with Park Board and Recreation Clubs to leave the user agreements as they are.

**Clark-Public Works**-There was nothing to report except a globe on the square and a banner arm were broken during a recent storm.

**Captain Worcester-Police Department**- There were a total of 151 calls for service and 3 arrests. The sewer will require repair. Quotes obtained from Stouder for \$2,850 and Wallin for \$8,299. Motion Smithers/2nd McEwen to Approve Sewer Repair through Stouder for \$2,850. Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

**Fire Department-Chief Gray**-The City purchased power cots for EMS transports with ARPA funds and the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Association presented the Fire Department a check for \$31,101.30 to pay for a Stryker Power Lift to better serve the community and its citizens. Code enforcement is still waiting for the report on the Robinson Building.

**Kolf-City Administrator**-Mitch reported that a contractor cut 2 holes through the pool concrete to collect samples. Burbach did some tests from the samples. A geotechnical test still needs to be completed and a bid of \$6,575 for the next step is secured. Motion Duran/Lines to approve bid for Geotechnical bores at the pool: Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

**Trail Grant Update**-Mitch is working on rescoping the project. The school is talking to the insurance carrier about what they need to be able to insure the bridge. The Mayor will reach out to the Mills County Trails group about potential plank replacement.

**2019 GO Bond**-There is \$93,000 left to spend. A transfer resolution will reimburse for eligible expenses. This may be used to cover costs for Fire Department equipment, streets and sewers.

**Union Negotiation update**-There was a counter proposal and this is under review with the City Attorney and the Union Representatives.

At the recent Mills County meeting there were first steps taken to make Emergency Medical Services an essential service county wide. The goal will be to have this placed on the ballot for the November election.

Motion Smithers/2nd Lines to Approve the Nebraska Trailblazers Special Events Application for the Mills County walk; Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

The Motion to Approve Aquatic Center 2025 Rates was tabled for further review.

Motion Duran/2nd Lines to Approve the Following Pass Through CDBG Funds:GAX 55 Arbor Hills-19-DRH-018 in the amount of \$147,193.53; Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Motion Lines/2nd Smithers to Approve PayCommunity Development Block Grant-Downtown Revitalization: The Grant is being used for the downtown revitalization project to restore the storefront facades. The breakdown of funding is 50% CDBG, 25% property owners and 25% city match; Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

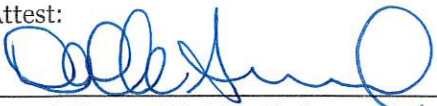
Motion Lines/2nd Smithers to Approve Payment of Southwest Iowa Planning Council Invoice Number 1455-18 in the Amount of \$375.00 and Invoice Number 1455-17 in the amount of \$ 635.00; Roll Call: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion Carried

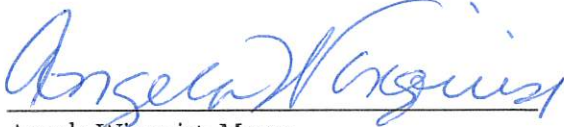
**Mayors Report**-Attended Leadership Day in Des Moines to discuss taxation and how it's affecting communities under 10,000 residents. They are looking at online training for newly elected officials.

**Council Member Report:** Donnie Kates mentioned a Relay for Life event titled "Cancer's a Beach". The event will take place on Friday, April 4th at the Bella Terra Vineyard on Barrus Road north of Glenwood.

Motion Smithers/2nd Duran to Adjourn at 7:51pm.

Attest:

  
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Dannielle Arnold, City Clerk

  
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Angela Winquist, Mayor

