

Glenwood City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Glenwood City Council met for a committee meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers prior to the City Council meeting. Mayor Angela Winkvist called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Laurie Smithers, Natalie McEwen, Donnie Kates & Mike Lines. Council Member Christina Duran was absent. City employees present: Captain Worcester, Chief Gray, Jamey Clark, Mitch Kolf, Dannielle Arnold, & Tara Painter. Michelle Wright and Guests.

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- High level Summary of the Budget. Discussed FY2025 Budget Amendment 3 and how it will correct issues from prior amendments, add insurance reimbursements for the fire department and the baseball fields, adds donations received by the fire department and adds expenditure authority for potential unknown pool repairs. Reviewed the next steps for FY26 Budget and State form.

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Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Winkvist called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following Council Members were present: Laurie Smithers, Natalie McEwen, Donnie Kates & Mike Lines. Council Member Christina Duran was absent. City employees present: Captain Worcester, Chief Gray, Jamey Clark, Mitch Kolf, Dannielle Arnold, Tara Painter & Sergeant Power. Guests: Joe Foreman, Michelle Wright, Dee McIntyre, Diane Marshall, Dawn Storm, B. Markuson, L. Karkuson, Bonnie Millsap, Debby Wood, Marilyn Kite, Barbara Roenfeld, Barbara Reif, Jill Fender, Valerie Garner, Valerie Jordan, Jeremy Waymire, Paislee Waymire, Tabatha Parker, Rachel Ring, Gary Ring, and others

Visitors Time to Address the Council- Michelle Wright spoke in support of the library to have minimal budget cuts. She stated she has checked out 140 books this past year and only had to spend \$40 of her own money. Michelle also stated that she has had to use the library for the internet when she is unable to connect from home. The library is happy to have her. Michelle stated there are no grants to run a library like there are other departments in the city.

Barbara Markuson explained that when she was a child her house burnt down and they were one of the poorest families in the town. When they had no other place to go they could go to the library for free without being expected to purchase anything. It provided a service allowing her to read about this and that. Markuson feels the library is an organization that will help keep the city alive along with the newspaper.

Barbara Roenfeld feels the library is the soul of this community. She stated "It is there for all of us and if a child can read they can do anything."

Marilyn Kite was a volunteer at the library. "People and kids need it for reading, writing and arithmetic, there are other things you can do, please leave the library alone."

Dee McIntyre states, "The Library is who we are." From story time, crafts, and snacks the Library is all inclusive. It provides internet, books, free genealogy, recipes, memory mates for people with dementia, for free. McIntyre asked, "Where can you get that for free?" It's who we are. She asked, "If we knew the budget was what it is, why did we do this, people can take less in pay raises." "We have to stand up and fight for our Library."

Lisa Markuson asked "Why did we spend \$115,000 from 70,000 from what Amber was making, how do you justify it?"

Barb Taenzler stated she is a library lover and is really disappointed that the city has singled out the library for the brunt of the budget cuts. She mentioned our library is our statistician and that our library is 2 floors. It offers more than books. It also offers copying, faxing, inner library loans, has book clubs and on average 101 patrons daily.

Letter of Commendation for Sgt. Power presented by Captain Worcester

Departmental Reports

Painter-Library- Caitlin Arnold is interning until the end of April, fiber internet installed 3/25/2025, A 3rd party app fixed the issues that the Library was having with connecting certain devices to the printers. Tara presented a comparison presentation of our library and other towns. Tara reported the library had 320 kids programs last year and if staff is cut there will not be available to provide that service to the community.

Clark-Public Works- Motion McEwen/2nd Kates to Accept Street Crewman Justin Nuckolls Resignation effective 3/28/2025; Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Motion Kates/2nd Smithers to Approve Advertising for Vacant Street Crewman Position; Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Captain Worcester-Police Department-Motion Smithers/2nd Lines to Accept Officer Richard Rix Resignation; Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Motion Smithers/2nd McEwen to Approve the purchase of LPR Cameras from Recotta in the amount of \$6496.00 from a grant received in the amount of \$8440.00; Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Since the last council meeting there have been 141 calls for service and 5 arrests. On Friday, the Police will attend an iJAG career day at the High School. The sewer pump was replaced.

Fire Department-Chief Gray-62 Calls for service since the last council meeting. The Department was awarded the Mills county Spring Grant for \$5400 for Ice Rescue Equipment. Code Enforcement is actively working with a business on their parking lot.

Kolf-City Administrator- Motion Kates/2nd Smithers to Approve YMCA Repair for Furnace Condensation to be completed by Houser's in the amount of \$2803.40 from LOST Funds.;Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Updates

Budget- FY25 Budget amendment 3 has 3 fund transfers, FY26 Budget is mostly completed

Union Negotiations- A counter proposal has been sent, the next meeting will be 4/1/2025

Pool- Burbach will be at the pool 3/26/2025 for drilling the holes to collect needed samples for their report.

2024 GO Bond Project -

Chestnut Street Drainage- Will be onsite 3/26/2025 moving equipment

Sharp Street- Opening bid/Approving bid will be at the next council meeting

Asphalt Overlay- Will start in May and end in September.

Bridge- The school is waiting to receive a report from their insurance . Cracking of the concrete was noted. Kolf sent the information about the concrete to HGM for review.

Trails- Kolf met with MAPA and the State of Iowa about Rescoping the project and heard their concerns. The project the council picked for the trail is not in city owned property and would have to have easements in place before work can begin. The city will work with the school on seeing if easements can be put in place.

Website- MuniBit is working on a draft of the new website.

IMMI Conference- Kolf will be attending the conference from 3/26/2025-3/28/2025. It will model property tax reform and help prepare us on how to prepare for these changes.

Motion McEwen/2nd Kates to Approve Resolution 3705 Setting a Time and Place for A Public Hearing for the Purpose of Considering Budget Amendment 3;Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

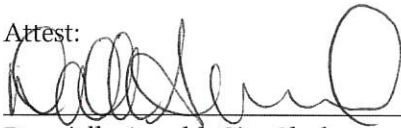
Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Recovery Projects

Motion Smithers/2nd Lines to Approve the Following Pass Through CDBG Funds: GAX 56- Arbor Hills-19-DRH-018-in the amount of \$39,535.72;Roll Call: Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Mayors Report- Will be attending: Board Meeting at YMCA 3/26/2025, iJAG career day at the High School Friday 3/28/2025, MAPA board Meeting 3/27/2025

Motion Smithers/2nd Lines to Adjourn at 7:47pm.

Attest:


Dannielle Arnold, City Clerk


Angela Winquist, Mayor

