

December 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; and Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer. Chris Reynolds, Marshal, was absent. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the November 10, 2025 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 Vouchers and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$20,030.48	Water Utility Operating Fund	\$11,702.07
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$792.28	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$5,181.57
Park Fund	\$137.06	Sewage Utility Bond-Interest Fund	\$6,345.00
Public Safety Fund	\$1,229.16	Payroll Fund	\$4,396.03
Cum Cap Imp – Cig Tax Fund	\$1,300.00	Total	\$51,113.65

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the transfer of appropriations. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to waive the In Lieu of Taxes annual payment from the water fund to the general fund. Approval was unanimous.

Mary noted that the vouchers included the State Board of Accounts examination fees for the water and sewer funds. The town fee will be deducted from the fall property tax settlement that may occur before year end and will be expensed.

Unfinished Business

There was no update on the water improvement project.

Denny will follow up on obtaining gravel for the fire station gravel.

Denny said he and Paul have not yet inventoried keys to obtain new ones and ensure there are backups for all keys. Mary will provide a key-inventory template.

Paul reported that Denny and him will meet with the USG Water Solutions representative to discuss the results from the water tank inspection.

Geoff reported that the Rush County Area Plan Executive Director has agreed to include the Fayette County side of Glenwood in the APC process. This confirms that the Rush County zoning ordinance, soon to be the Unified Development Ordinance, is applicable to the entire Town of Glenwood.

Denny stated that the person that was going to be hired to place the bad shingle on the town hall roof can no longer help. It was agreed that a current town employee can replace the one shingle.

New Business

Mary provided the Council with the insurance renewal quote which has increased 12.9% based on overall rate increases. An invoice will be received prior to the January 1 renewal date. Mary noted that a notice was received that there is limited coverage of roof systems for commercial property.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay prior to the next meeting the 2026 insurance invoice to Wilson Lawson Meyers Insurance for a total amount of \$17,538.00. Approval was unanimous.

Mary stated that George Stamm is willing to renew his Park Board membership term. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to appoint George Stamm to the Park Board for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029. Approval was unanimous.

Mary provided suggested language from Hall Signs for the dumpster. Mary will submit the order for the park signs. A new order can be sent when the street signs inventory determines the signs needed. Mary will also send Denny and Paul the current signage inventory sheet.

Mary reported that the Council has received a second complaint regarding horses on residential property. That makes two complaints from adjoining properties. A written complaint from Dorthy Isaacs was received. Mrs. Isaacs and her family were present and expressed concern that she was not notified before an exemption was given for the animals' exception. Mrs. Isaacs is also concerned that the horses affect her property value. David Miller questioned her proof that the property value is affected. The response was it may be difficult to sell. Mary noted that the current animal exception expires on January 13, 2026, one day after the council meeting.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to extend the current animal exception until July 13, 2026 or when Rush County approves the new Unified Development Ordinance, whichever is first. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

There was no Area Plan Commission meeting in December.

Denny and Mary attended the Rush County Foundation's meeting regarding the Lilly Endowment Gift VIII. Denny had requested the pickle ball court be turned to allow for an outdoor stage. The final design will be discussed at an upcoming meeting with the Park Board, Clerk-Treasurer, and Council representation. There was discussion if all the Council needed to attend which would be considered an advertised public meeting.

There are two properties eligible for redevelopment that were sold at the tax sale. The properties still may be eligible. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to waive the sewer charges and sewer liens if the property owners work with the Rush County Foundation to sell the properties for the blighted property program.

Denny noted that he is following up on the new printer installation.

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Mary requested the approval to pay invoices prior to the next meeting. Mary mentioned that the State now has a free website available which is very nice. However, the current renewal is now and there is no time to switch before year end. There is no way to move everything easily from one site to another. There is a lot on the website and every item would need to be moved separately. This is something to consider in the future but someone would need to take a long time to get it changed over.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to pay prior to the next meeting for the computer installations and antivirus software to Herbert's Computer Service and the website domain to Municipal Impact. Approval was unanimous.

Mary said there were thirty people at the community supper. Cards were placed at the Post Office allowing people to take them home for reminders.

Mary reported that she has researched what is needed for the Town to have a festival. Things have changed over the decades since her husband started the Old-Fashioned Days Festival. She obtained information from the State Board of Accounts, insurance agent, and other towns that hold festivals. She also remembers things that were considered when Glenwood had the festival. There will first need to be a non-profit organization established and that is expensive. The organization will need to file with the IRS and State plus obtain insurance. This will cost money and the town cannot contribute funds until the organization is established.

Mary suggested that for 2026, the town have something small to celebrate when the playground is completed. This would not be a fundraiser but would give the Buckleys and others an experience to determine if they want to pursue a festival. No action was taken.

Brayton questioned the complaint process because he did not receive a copy of the animal complaint. Mary assured Brayton that any complaint received through the website is being forwarded to him. This ne complaint was an exception. Jo confirmed that any complaint from a voicemail would be forwarded to him.

Brayton questioned how the new Rush County ordinance would affect Glenwood. Geoff explained how it will work and the County will probably appreciate Glenwood being involved with resolving violations. Mary explained that there is being so much added to the ordinance that be to Glenwood's benefit. The current zoning ordinance is being revised to a unified development ordinance.

Paul provided his written and oral report.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer