

TOWN OF GLEN ST. MARY

MINUTES

March 21, 2023

The Town of Glen St. Mary Council met in a regular meeting with the following members present:

Mayor Juanice Padgett
Councilwoman Lola Chandler
Councilman Drew Vetter

Also present:
Town Attorney, Jon Bense
Assistant to the Mayor, Todd Norman
Town Clerk, Christy Linster

Councilman Terry Clary and Councilwoman Diana Reneau were absent from the meeting.

Note: These meeting minutes are a summarized version of the actual discussions at the meeting. These are not verbatim transcripts.

Mayor Padgett called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Councilwoman Chandler led the invocation.

First reading of Ordinance #2023-02, adopting the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, was read by title only by Attorney Bense. Councilman Vetter made a motion to submit the proposed Comprehensive Plan changes to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chandler. Voting 3 – 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Padgett requested approval of the consent agenda items which consisted of:

1. Minutes of February 21, 2023 Special Meeting
2. Minutes of February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
3. Expense Report

Councilwoman Chandler made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Councilman Vetter seconded the motion. Voting 3 – 0. The motion carried.

Clerk Linster told the Council that after much consideration and prayers, she has decided to rescind her resignation and remain on staff with the Town of Glen St. Mary. She explained she loves the community and really enjoys her role at Town Hall. She stated she looks forward to continue working with the Mayor, Council and staff as we continue to focus on making our community its best. The Mayor and Council expressed their pleasure with the Clerk's decision to stay.

Mayor Padgett explained she will be out of the country from April 4 – 25 and will therefore miss the April Council meeting. She said Councilwoman Chandler has agreed to help in the office as needed, and sign checks in Mayor Padgett's absence.

Mayor Padgett stated one of our maintenance workers, Robert Phillips, resigned last week. We will advertise the position in the Baker County Press.

Attorney Bense read a Proclamation declaring April as Water Conservation Month. This proclamation is to encourage citizens and businesses to help protect our water resources by practicing water-saving measures. Councilman Vetter made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Chandler, declaring April Water Conservation Month. Clerk Linster stated we plan to add a note to the April utility bills encouraging residents to be more aware of the need to save water.

Councilman Vetter asked about the fence at Celebration Park. Mayor Padgett explained it has been removed so we can make the columns more steady. We hope to have that project done in the next couple of weeks. Once the columns have been stabilized and the fencing is repainted, it will be reinstalled.

Mayor Padgett explained the Wildcat lift station is on its last leg and needs to be replaced at a cost of \$29,660.00 with Barney's Pumps. We will be reimbursed by the DEP grant in this amount.

Councilman Vetter asked about us being required to de-rag pumps at the Stoddard lift station recently. Mayor Padgett stated we have called the business owner to ask them to get people to stop flushing rags. She said the Journey Store has been bad about this, but Avery in Maintenance has been keeping an eye on it. She said it would probably be a good idea to remind business owners periodically. Mr. Norman stated it is really unsafe to pull pumps with only one maintenance employee present. Councilman Vetter, who was a former maintenance staff member with the town, agreed that two people are needed to pull pumps.

Councilwoman Chandler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded Council Vetter. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Christy C. Linster, Town Clerk

Juanice Padgett, Mayor