

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2014

The Regular Session of the Glenpool City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., Glenpool City Hall, 3rd Floor, 12205 S. Yukon Ave, Glenpool, Oklahoma. Councilors present were: Momodou Ceesay, Mayor; Alyce Korb, Vice-Mayor; Tim Fox, Councilor; Patricia Agee, Councilor and Tommy Carner, Councilor.

Staff present was: Lowell Peterson, City Attorney; Susan White, City Clerk; Charles Barnes, Finance Director; Lynn Burrow, Community Development Director and Rick Malone, City Planner. David Tillotson, Assistant City Manager was absent.

Also present was: Jennifer Cook, Glenpool Chamber of Commerce.

A. Mayor Ceesay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Susan White, City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Ceesay declared a quorum present.

C. Jason Yarbrough, First Baptist Church offered the Invocation.

D. Mayor Ceesay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Scheduled Business

1. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes from December 16, December 19, 2013 and January 6, 2014.

MOTION: Councilor Carner moved, second by Vice Mayor Korb to approve minutes as presented.

FOR: Councilor Fox; Councilor Agee; Councilor Carner; Vice-Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action to appoint Shayne Buchanan to the Glenpool Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

Mayor Ceesay submitted Shayne Buchanan as an appointment to fill vacancies on the Glenpool Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission. Mrs. Joyce Calvert formally requested to address the Council on this agenda item and was granted the opportunity to speak by Mayor Ceesay. Mrs. Calvert offered her opinion in favor of Mr. Buchanan's appointment. Councilor Carner questioned the process currently administered to fill vacant positions. Lowell Peterson, City Attorney explained that the appointment must be ratified by the Council, that the Mayor did not have the sole authority to appoint. He further explained that Councilors could nominate another candidate. Following discussion, Mayor Ceesay called for a motion.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Korb moved, second by Councilor Agee to appoint Shayne Buchanan to the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

FOR: Councilor Agee; Councilor Fox; Vice-Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: Councilor Carner.

Motion carried.

3. **Discussion and possible action to authorize Mayor Momodou Ceesay to attend ICSC in Las Vegas, NV, May 18-20, 2014 and pay all business related expenses.**

MOTION: Councilor Agee moved, second by Vice Mayor Korb to authorize Mayor Ceesay's attendance at the 2014 ICSC, Las Vegas, Nevada and payment of business related expenses.

FOR: Councilor Carner; Councilor Fox; Councilor Agee; Vice-Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: None.

Motion carried.

4. **Discussion and possible action to pay State Auditor and Inspector invoice for \$35,000.**

Charles Barnes, Finance Director reminded the Council that the invoice had been presented to council for payment on two previous occasions. Each time it was denied. Mr. Barnes went on to explain that Gary Jones, State Auditor had agreed to abate \$3,500 in penalties and interest if the payment is received in his office by the following Wednesday.

Councilor Tim Fox read a statement outlining his objections to payment of the presented invoice. A synopsis of his comments reflect a dissatisfaction for the current applied processes to obtain and verify petitioner's signatures; and a submission that the audit report was neither fair, thorough or complete as represented in the following quote, "I believe that the 90%, who didn't petition, have a right to expect the State Auditor's office to give a fair, thorough and complete audit, if our tax dollars are going to pay for it. In my investigation into the State Auditor's report and conversations that I've had with Gary Jones, State Auditor, on the subject, I don't believe that Glenpool received a fair, thorough and complete investigative audit." Councilor Fox did commend the auditor for pointing out the accurate indebtedness of the city, thereby proving the rumored debt of ninety-five million, which has been commonly asserted by a Glenpool citizen, to be erroneous.

Vice Mayor Korb asked Mr. Barnes about the potential consequences of not paying the invoice. He informed her that it could eventually result in a summary judgment, and property taxes assessed on all Glenpool property owners to pay the accumulated charges. Councilor Fox asked Mr. Barnes about the possibility of making fourteen monthly payments, the equivalent number of months consumed during the investigation. Mr. Barnes replied that Mr. Gary Jones would have to make that determination.

Mayor Ceesay encouraged the audience to be more aware of the ramifications, benefits or outcomes of decisions they make, alluding to the \$35,000 cost of the audit.

MOTION: Councilor Agee moved, second by Councilor Carner to approve and authorize \$35,000 payment to the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector for the performance of the petition audit.

FOR: Councilor Agee; Councilor Carner; Vice Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: Councilor Fox

Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and possible action to adjourn into Executive Session.**

MOTION: Councilor Carner moved, second by Councilor Agee to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose demonstrated in Item Six of this agenda.

FOR: Councilor Agee; Councilor Carner; Councilor Fox; Vice Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: None

Motion carried.

6. **Executive Session for the following purpose:**

Discussing the possible employment, hiring or appointment of an Interim City Manager, pursuant to Title 25, Sec. 307(B)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes (Open Meeting Act)

The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

7. Discussion and possible action to reconvene into Regular Session.

MOTION: Councilor Agee moved, second by Councilor Carner to reconvene in Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

FOR: Councilor Carner, Councilor Fox, Councilor Agee, Vice Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: None

Motion Carried.

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint an Interim City Manager.

MOTION: Councilor Agee moved, second by Councilor Carner to appoint Police Chief Dennis Waller as Interim City Manager to include a stipend of \$2,000 per month, until such time that a permanent City Manager is appointed.

FOR: Councilor Agee; Councilor Carner; Vice-Mayor Korb; Mayor Ceesay

AGAINST: Councilor Fox

Motion carried.

F. Other Public Comments

- None

G. Chamber of Commerce Report - Jennifer Cook, President

- Miss Cook reported on recent events, including the Christmas parade and Golden Ticket contest. She also informed the Council members that she had updated the commercial property listing. The document is provided to companies seeking to locate in Glenpool.

H. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Ceesay thanked Pastor Jason Yarbrough for offering the invocation for tonight's meeting.
- Mayor Ceesay announced the retirement of City Manager Ed Tinker and that Assistant City Manager David Tillotson had accepted a position with the City of Catoosa as City Manager. He offered well wishes to each. He asked the staff to support Dennis Waller as Interim. Mayor Ceesay concluded his report by expressing his thanks to the audience for attending, stating, "It shows you are engaged."
- Councilor Fox read a statement demonstrating his support for Mr. Tinker and Mr. Tillotson. He recited a long list of accomplishments achieved during the tenure of Tinker and Tillotson. Councilor Fox expressed his gratitude to both men and concluded his comments with the following statement, "With the Vision Meetings that are taking place, I'm convinced Glenpool's brightest days are ahead, if we can stop the negative and decisiveness that Glenpool has been infected with." His comments were met with applause from the audience.

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Date

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk