

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLENNVILLE CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The regular scheduled council meeting was held in the City Hall Conference Room Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Present: Bernie Weaver, Mayor
Tammy Waters, Mayor Pro Tem
Justin McLeod, Councilmember
Marcus H. Nobles, III, Councilmember
Cynthia Miller, Councilmember
Rob Fravel, Public Works Director
Wes Kicklighter, Police Chief
Dale Barnard, Fire Chief
Billy Conley, Code Enforcement Officer
Delilah Bryant, Account Specialist

Absent: Stan Dansby, City Manager
Emily Mixon, City Clerk
Hugh McCullough, City Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order, Fire Chief Barnard gave the invocation, and Police Chief Kicklighter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is the time we set aside for our citizens to comment on matters. We welcome and appreciate your comments or suggestions. Our purpose is to listen to what you tell us, and we will certainly take any comments you make under advisement. We do not answer questions at this time, nor do we reply to your statements at this time. The reason for this is that an individual council member cannot and should not attempt to commit the entire council to any position, and the council should not respond until it has all the information available on a specific matter.

Ground Rules:

- To be placed on the agenda, you must make your request to the City Clerk or City Manager by noon on the **Thursday** prior to the meeting. If a holiday falls around the meeting date, the deadline will be noon on **Wednesday** prior to the meeting day.
- Your comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

- If you have a complaint about an employee of the City, please discuss it with the City Manager first. The City Manager will advise the Council of the matter, and an executive session may be scheduled to discuss personnel issues.
- You should avoid making any slander or defamation of someone's character or reputation. If such comments are made, there can be legal consequences that follow since this is a public meeting.
- We prefer that you address matters that this council has the authority to deal with.

Tawana Murphy Williams – Would like to discuss the trailer moratorium.

Mrs. Williams explained that she was here to speak about the unfair moratorium that was placed on trailers within the city limits and the possible impacts it could have on trailer park owners like herself. She explained that she understood that the moratorium was put in place to protect a certain vision for the city, but this action was misguided, unconstitutional, and violated the rights of mobile home park operators as well as homeowners in general. Mrs. Williams stated that this issue was about property rights and that those rights were protected under both the U.S. Constitution and the State of Georgia Constitution. Mrs. Williams explained that the 5th Amendment clearly stated that no person shall be deprived of Life, Liberty, or Property without due process of law and similarly the 4th Amendment ensured that no state shall deprive any person of property without process and equal protection under law. Mrs. Williams stated that the proposed moratorium imposed by the Council stripped mobile home park operators and homeowners of their ability to use their property as they see fit, without any justifiable or legal basis and by prohibiting the placement of new mobile homes and restricting the operation of mobile home parks, the city was infringing on the rights of those that own and manage them. She then explained that from the view of property owners the moratorium was not only illegal but imbalanced and disproportionately targeted a certain type of property without providing a fair rationale and that this kind of selective enforcement raised concerns about the legality of the ordinance and whether it stood up to the scrutiny of the constitutional law. Mrs. Williams stated if it was the council's goal to address legitimate concerns, that there were less intrusive and more balanced ways to achieve that goal without trampling on the rights of property owners. She then asked if the ordinance was to protect the aesthetics of the community, then why was the code enforcement position created? She explained that she spoke with the Tattall County Tax Assessors office concerning property values and they explained to her that mobile homes do not decrease property values of structured homes they are close to and that a dilapidated home would cause values to decrease before a mobile home would. Mrs. Williams explained that mobile home parks provide affordable housing for many in the community and restricting their operation could lead to displacement, economic hardship, and a reduction in housing availability. She explained that the mobile home park owners were not asking for special treatment but were asking for their constitutional rights to be respected. In conclusion she stated that she urged the council to reconsider the ordinance and explore alternative solutions that do not violate the constitutional rights of property owners in Glennville.

Dennis Armstrong – Would like to discuss limiting the travel of semi-trucks on Hencart Road, the need for street lights on Jackson Street, and the need for a stronger police presence in the neighborhood. - Absent

IV. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Nobles and it passed unanimously.

V. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS FOR 2025

- a. City Manager, Stan Dansby
- b. City Clerk, Emily Mixon
- c. Chief of Police, Wes Kicklighter
- d. Fire Chief, Dale Barnard
- e. Public Works Director, Rob Fravel
- f. City Attorney, Hugh McCullough
- g. Municipal Court Judge, B. Daniel Dubberly, III

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve to reappoint all appointed city officials for 2025. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded Councilmember McLeod and it passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF GLENNVILLE, GEORGIA PERTAINING TO THE PLACEMENT, INSTALLATION, REMOVAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF MOBILE HOMES, MODULAR HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GLENNVILLE

- Appointment of Presiding Officer
- Public Comments
- Recommendation from Planning Commission
- Close Public Hearing

Mayor Weaver appointed himself as presiding officer of the public hearing and explained that public comments during the public hearing had the same rules as public comments during the council meeting and then asked Councilmember Nobles to give a simple explanation of the changes.

Councilmember Nobles explained he would give a brief explanation and if anyone wanted a more in-depth explanation, he recommended them to contact the city attorney. He explained that any new mobile homes would need to be placed on a property zoned for R3A and existing mobile homes would be grandfathered in indefinitely and if it were to be removed, the property owner would have one year to replace it with another mobile home.

Mayor Weaver asked the citizens in opposition of the ordinance to line up to speak.

Dorothy Berry, Trina Seals, Tawanna Williams spoke in opposition of the ordinance

Rickey Smiley spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mayor Weaver stated that the Planning Commission's recommendation was to pass the ordinance.

VII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 25-21 CHANGES TO CHAPTER 62 ZONING OF THE CODE OF GLENNVILLE, GEORGIA

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve Resolution # 25-21 Changes to Chapter 62 Zoning of the code of Glennville, Georgia. A motion was made by Councilmember Nobles, seconded by Councilmember Waters and Mayor Weaver explained that he would be taking a roll call vote.

Councilmember Waters voted yes.

Councilmember Nobles voted yes.

Councilmember Miller voted no.

Councilmember McLeod voted no.

Mayor Weaver voted yes.

Mayor Weaver explained that Resolution #25-21 had passed.

VIII. APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBERS FOR ONE-YEAR TERM BY COUNCIL

One-year term expired 12/31/2024 for the following members: Jeremy Anderson, Lillian Taylor, David W. White, Joe Skeens, and Carlene Porter.

NOTE: Members have been contacted to determine their willingness to serve by the City Clerk. David W. White, Carlene Porter, Joe Skeens, Lillian Taylor and Jeremy Anderson has agreed to serve another term if reappointed.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to reappoint planning Commission and Board of Appeals members for a one-year term. A motion was made by Councilmember McLeod, seconded by Councilmember Miller and it passed unanimously.

IX. APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL BY MAYOR TO APPOINT HENRY STRICKLAND TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION TO REPLACE QUENTIN MCARTHUR, WITH TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Mayor Weaver appointed Henry Strickland to the Recreation Commission to replace Quentin McArthur, with term ending September 30, 2026.

X. APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL BY MAYOR TO APPOINT DONNA BLOCKER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REPLACE BO BORAM, WITH TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2027

Mayor Weaver appointed Donna Blocker to the Hosing Authority to replace Bo Boram, with term ending March 31, 2027.

XI. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 2025 LMIG (LOCAL MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT) PROJECT

- **Cleaning the main outfall / ditch from behind E & E Automotive to HWY 301**
- **Add curb, gutter and sidewalk on the southside of Kicklighter Street from the Housing Authority to HWY 301**

Councilmember Nobles abstained from voting due to conflict of interest with property.

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve 2025 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant) Project. A motion was made by Councilmember McLeod, seconded by Councilmember Miller and it passed unanimously.

XII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF 6% COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve 6% cost-of-living allowance (COLA) for city employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Waters, seconded by Councilmember Miller and it passed unanimously.

XIII. DISCUSSION / APPROVAL TO PLACE 2017 FORD SUV ON GOVDEALS

Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to approve to place 2017 Ford SUV on GovDeals. A motion was made by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Waters and it passed unanimously.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Miller thanked everyone that came to the meeting.

Councilmember Nobles thanked everyone that came out to voice their opinion and took an interest in government.

Mrs. Bryant thanked the Council for looking out for the employees and approving the COLA.

Fire Chief Barnard thanked the Council for their support of the fire department and reported that the Fire Department responded to 18 calls for assistance in December and responded to a total of 174 calls for the year of 2024.

Public Works Director Fravel thanked the council for their support of the Public Works Department and reported that the Water Sewer Department for the month of December installed 6 new water taps, laid 700 feet of new water line, installed 1 new sewer tap, completed 5 major water line repairs, and 1 sewer line repair. He then reported that the department projects to extend a 6-inch water line, install 5 more water taps and 4 more sewer taps in the near future. He explained that the Street Department picked up over 200 bags of leaves, had over 150 piles of chipped limbs from debris pick up, had picked up 20 large piles of debris with the backhoe and dump truck, and would be completing street repairs on Bay Street, Easterling Street, Jay Street, and Hencart Road.

Police Chief Kicklighter reported for the month of December that the Police Department issued 34 citations, 5 written warnings, investigated 10 accidents, completed 9 school walk throughs, had 506 calls for service, completed 289 night business checks and 214 day business checks, arrested 9 individuals resulting in 19 misdemeanor charges, and arrested 5 individuals resulting in 7 felony charges.

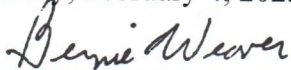
XV. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURN

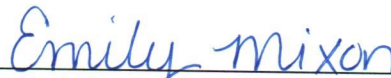
With all items being handled, Mayor Weaver adjourned the meeting.

AFFIRMATION

We affirm that these minutes are correct and true to form as presented to Mayor and City Council on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.



Bernie Weaver, Mayor



Emily Nixon, City Clerk