REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING August 17, 2026

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll showed Councilpersons Buhr, DeGross, Kraft, Ross, Schone and Stoner were present. Also present were CT LaBeree, Police Chief Joel Klatt, Officer Jerome Hoyt, Fire Chief Greg Holden, Ambulance Director Julie Lee, Public Works Director Dave Caress, Library Director Rochel Karlson, Carlton Dewitt, Angela Jeske, David Olson, Todd Danielson, Nikki Alleman, Joan Bartz, Lynn McIntyre, Rodney Weiss, Susan Weiss, Bob Steiner, Tracy Steiner, Jacob Maes, Linda Main, Katie Swenby and Alex Lindelof.

DeGross moved and Stoner seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Kraft moved and Buhr seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026 Regular meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Kraft moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve all presented disbursements. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Public comments: David Olson raised a question as to the number of tickets written versus the number of traffic stops for the year to date. Mayor Kletscher indicated he would talk to the Chief about the differences.

No one was in attendance for Summer Rec.

Verbal reports were given by Library Director Rochel Karlson, Public Works Director Dave Caress, Fire Chief Greg Holden, EMS Director Julie Lee, Clerk-Treasurer Kristin LaBere and Mayor Kent Kletscher. Karlson discussed the upcoming book fair, a Purse Bingo event, Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and Quilt Show. Caress noted road construction wrapping up, lines being painted and the County coming to seal coat. Holden noted that the yearly pump test is coming up. Lee said the National Night Out turnout was good and that they will be using some grant money for purchasing radios. She also noted that they will be covering at the upcoming Rodeo and Nilssen's Rib Fest. LaBeree said the 3rd election of the year was completed recently. Kletscher indicated that reviews will be coming up with Department Heads soon.

A written report was submitted by Police Chief Klatt.

Joan Bartz was in attendance for Hinman Park. She said that last of the playground equipment has been ordered. They are hoping to do a community build to get everything installed the weekend after Rustic Lore. Their volunteer list is getting close to being full.

A motion was made by Stoner approving an accessory structure measuring 10x20 for Nick & Brittany Strand at 220 Leising. The Strands will work on submitting the Conditional Use Permit after the fact, as the accessory structure was needed as emergency storage for their house build. Voice vote shows Buhr, Stoner, Kraft and Schone voting yes, with Ross and DeGross opposing.

Discussions were held on the Lion's Club signs that they would like to put up at the 3 entrances coming into town. Dave will have to do some measuring to see if the current signs are in the right of way which will determine whether a permit is needed from WISDOT for installing the signs. Topic has been tabled.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion approving the $1,000 yearly donation the city makes to the Glenwood City Cemetery.

Discussions were held on the ordering of the flowers for the baskets that hang on Oak Street. The order needs to go in soon for the greenhouse. It is around $1400 for the greenhouse in Boyceville to do the planting of the baskets. Watering has been being done by volunteers Mike Buhr and Amanda Schone throughout the summer, and they discussed that they baskets weren't looking the greatest as the dry summer winds down. They noted that some days it can take several

hours to complete all the watering. The possibility of having less baskets up would reduce some of the costs and watering time was discussed. A motion was made by Schone to reduce the order for the flowers for 16 baskets for next summer. The motion was seconded by Buhr. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Stoner moved and Buhr seconded a motion to approve Class "B" picnic licenses and Temporary Operator's License applications for Rustic Lore Committee – September 11-13, Glenwood City Kickball Club – September 12-13, and Glenwood City FFA Alumni – September 11-12. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

A motion was made by Kraft and seconded by Ross approving the Operator's Licenses for Ashlee Obermueller & Lorraine Siegman. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Discussion was held regarding the Glenwood City Area Community Club using the municipal building community center as a backup space for the monthly farmers market in the event of bad weather. Katie Swenby said that many of the vendors bring perishable items to the market, and when the event is canceled, that leaves the vendors stuck with all of their items and nowhere to sell them. It was mentioned that one deterrent to using the community center might be the size of the room, and how it would be determined who was able to set up due to the size constraints of the space. Alex Lindelof noted that they did have a secondary back up space as Holy Cross Church has offered their space for use. It was also brought up that possibly a space at the Fairgrounds could work as an option.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Stoner approving the closure of Oak Street from 1st Street to 2nd Street on Sunday, October 25 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm for the Glenwood City Area Community Club's annual Trunk or Treat event. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Discussions on the painting curbs, stalls and striping were held. Mike Buhr has been working with Dave Caress on getting this project done. He has already started with a portion of it, and will continue working on getting everything finished now that the road paving project has been completed. Mayor Kletscher voiced a thank you to Mike for working on this project, as well as to both Mike Buhr and Amanda Schone for their continued volunteer time on watering the flower baskets, as well as Terri Ross for purchasing the paint for the street painting project.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Schone approving the cleaning fee increase for the municipal building with the library splitting the cost 50/50. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Library Director Rochel Karlson gave a presentation with pictures of the Storybook Garden she visited recently, and used that as a guide to show what she would like to do at Hinman Park. She is planning on starting with 3 spaces and seeing how that goes. Success of the gardens, which will be determined based on use and whether they remain intact over time, will be a factor in whether future spots are added. The local 4-H kids will be involved in helping to build, set up and maintain the Storybook Gardens as well. A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Kraft approving 3 Storybook Gardens to be set up in locations along the side of Hinman Park. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by DeGross approving Lisa Lovegren to the Library Board. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes. Ross also noted that there is another opening on the board for anyone that lives within the city limits.

Discussions were held on rezoning the school district property. The property is currently zoned R-2 residential. With the recent ordinance passed prohibiting shipping containers in residential districts, the school district reached out to see what options they had in order to keep the current container they have on property as well as another container they had planned on ordering. The container use is for storage of athletic equipment. It was discussed that the City would be willing to go in half on the cost to do a rezone for the school property, which would put them in an Institutional District, however the school board decided that they were not interested in splitting the cost, indicating that zoning is a city issue

and therefore should be paid for by the city. After much discussion, a motion to move forward with the rezone only of the school was willing to split the cost was made by DeGross and seconded by Buhr. With only councilperson Buhr voting yes, motion fails.

Discussion on security camera installation at Hinman Park were held. Mayor Kletscher said that the need for the cameras to protect the park assets with all the new playground equipment was a priority. Schone mentioned that the cost for the fiber install as well as equipment fees would be covered, and that the first month of service would be free. Ross made a motion for the cameras to be installed with all costs of install covered by the city. Motion was seconded by Kraft. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

The topic of the pond at Hinman Park was discussed. Clerk Treasurer LaBeree indicated that she reached out to the city's insurance company regarding any liability of opening up the pond to the public with removal of the fencing. The insurance company indicated that the city would be covered from a liability standpoint. LaBeree also mentioned that she reached out to an attorney through the Wisconsin League of Municipalities free legal service, and he also indicated that the City could legally open up the pond, for public use without lifeguards, from a legal standpoint. A motion was made by Kraft and seconded by Stoner to remove the fencing around the pond and put up any signage by June 1st of 2027. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

At 8:14 p.m. DeGross moved and Kraft seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin LaBeree
Clerk-Treasurer