

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
October 2, 2023**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 2, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Kevin Noller, Kaetlin Hyman, Josh Moyer, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 5, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounted to \$44,005.84, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Report

James informed the council he sent a letter to a resident on North Hobart in August. He said the property is looking better, but not great. James said he is starting to notify residents about not parking trailers on the streets, since October 1st is here.

First Impressions Program

The City's application for the First Impressions Program has been turned into the K-State Extension Office. Angie Behymer is the primary contact, with Kaetlin Hyman, Denise Jackson, and Brandon Tritsch on the committee. Angie said the committee will attend a virtual training and visits may happen within the month. The city will publicize and host a community presentation after the visits.

Swimming Pool Reports

The council reviewed the swimming pool reports. Devon mentioned he is still waiting on a bid for a cover to go over the baby pool.

Floodplain Management

The mayor and clerk attended a floodplain "violations and enforcement" virtual workshop given by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources. The mayor suggested the required floodplain applications be sent into the Mitchell County Emergency Management Director, David Dohe. Residents in the floodplain area have recently received letters from Mr. Dohe. Residents in the floodplain will need to fill out applications for any new constructions, additions, or any other changes to their properties. There are strict requirements for all buildings in floodplain areas. These applications are in addition to the city's building permit applications.

Murals

The council reviewed the "Murals of Mitchell County" brochure. The clerk read an email update from Emily Benedick on future Glen Elder mural(s). Kaetlin Hyman said she talked to Kelsi Adams about painting a mural on the swimming pool building, she needs a

concept for the mural. Donations are still needed for future Glen Elder murals, as well as more mural committee members.

Building Permits

Landen made a motion to approve building permit: #23-20 – to add a 12 x 12 concrete pad, enlarge the driveway, replace a walkway, and add a dog pen for Bradley Augustine at 208 E. Kansas Street. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Lori Augustine abstained.

Tom Ford Railing

The council discussed the email from Tom Ford concerning a railing he wants to put on the property line near the new electric school bus charging station. This request is between Mr. Ford and CVA.

Executive Session

At 7:34 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, and attorney present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:44 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Devon informed the council the city crew has been busy; trimming trees out of power lines, picking up sand, etc. Devon said he sent in four transformers to be re-built and they all failed, so he has ordered four new transformers. Devon mentioned he is still waiting to hear back about the breaker at the sub-station.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council 129 dog tags have been issued, so far, in 2023.

Angie made a motion to join the Solomon Valley Economic Development membership. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Council Report

Angie requested a yearly timeline for topics discussed during council meetings. She also asked to have residents reminded about connect fees in a newsletter.

Lori informed the council the new Lion Electric School Bus is here in town. She mentioned she was impressed with the new bus on her test run and she will begin transporting kids with it, this week.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

(These are unofficial minutes, until approved at the next council meeting.)

Jerri Senger
City Clerk