

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
November 6, 2023**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Ryan Duskie, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Scott Smith, Kevin Noller, Garry Clark, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounted to \$64,592.10, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Ryan made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council he found a 2007 International KME fire truck for sale in Grand Haven, Michigan. Garry explained all the features on the truck, and said the Michigan fire department would hold the truck until tomorrow. He explained Lattin Aviation would fly himself and Devon to look at the truck for a fee around \$2,700.00. Garry said the Michigan fire department would sell the truck to Glen Elder for \$80,000.00, since his budget is so low. He estimates shipping the truck back to cost around \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00, making the total cost of the truck around \$87,000.00 which is what is in the fire department's equipment reserve fund. Landen made a motion to allow Garry and Devon to fly to Michigan to look at the 2007 International fire truck and purchase the truck, if they want. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mayor Paxson announced Kyle Thompson has been a member of the City of Glen Elder Volunteer Fire Department for 15-years. He will be given his certificate and pin at the annual fireman's meal later this month.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed James Reed's October code report. It was reiterated that semi-truck and trailer parking is not allowed on any city streets. Individuals are encouraged to obtain permission and park on private property if wanting to park in town.

The council briefly discussed the request to have goats clean up a property in town. The city ordinances and codes clearly state goats are not allowed in town, the council felt it best to deny this request and continue to follow the ordinances and codes as written.

First Impressions Program

Angie Behymer informed the council she made her visit to Grainfield, Kansas today. She said the First Impression visits are to be completed by the end of November. The city will host a community presentation, as soon as all the visits and reports are done.

Murals

The council briefly discussed a couple mural location ideas and the need for more mural committee members.

Floodplain Management

The council reviewed the floodplain map of the city, a list of residents in the floodplain, and the required floodplain development permit/application. The clerk mentioned these permits, once filled out by residents for any property improvements, are to be kept at City Hall indefinitely.

Building Permits

Dan informed the council Darel Stuart will be in to get a building permit, when he secures concrete for his grain bin building on his Mill Street lot. Landen made a motion to approve building permit: #23-21 – a new garage, driveway and patio, and moving a car port for Gary Daharsh at 200 W. Allen, #23-22 – a new garage and approach for Brian Newell at 308 N. Center Street, #23-23 – a 30' x 30' addition to the west building for Seth Krueger at 500 W. Main Street. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:30 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 five ayes.

At 7:40 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Devon informed the council the car wash credit card reader was sent in to be repaired last month. Devon presented the council with the bid for a wading pool cover. It will be \$1,684.00 for the cover and \$600.00 to \$800.00 for the installation. Angie made a motion to accept the bid for the new wading pool cover. Dan seconded the bid and the vote carried with five ayes. Devon asked to have John Mosher appointed as the second operator contact for the city with KDHE Bureau of Water. Landen made a motion to appoint John Mosher as the second operator contact with KDHE. Ryan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Devon said a gentleman from KMEA will be here Wednesday afternoon to look at the sub-station breaker.

Clerk's Report

The clerk asked the attorney to clear up some confusion on the set-back footage in the building permit ordinance. Scott stated not less than 10-feet from the property line as established by the city plat line of the street, generally the front of the property, and five-feet from the alley or adjoining property lines. The council briefly discussed buildings around the square, in which case the distance from the street to the building line of a structure is subject to the approval of the governing body. The council reviewed the November utility connect report. The attorney stated occupied residences must have all the utilities connected. The clerk asked permission to close the office on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. The council approved closing the office on December 25 & 26.

Christmas Bonus

Landen made a motion to give the full-time employees a bonus of \$650.00 and the office assistant/treasurer \$150.00. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council asked the clerk to provide wage and insurance amounts budgeted for in 2024, as well as figures for EMC and worker's comp insurances.

The mayor asked Devon to provide the council with a calendar of his work projects.

Council Report

The council asked where Christmas decorations will be put now that Ford's building is going up. Devon said they will squeeze all the decorations in the square.

The mayor encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow. The council has three seats and on the ballot.

Attorney Scott Wright informed the council of the cyber-attacks on Kansas governmental offices. He said it's not if, but when computers will be a victim of these cyber-attacks. He said not to open emails that might look suspicious and do not enter onto a website from an email.

With no other business, Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk