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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., January 4, 2021 at City Hall with mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, and Barry McPeak present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Attorney Tim Demel, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Darel seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounting to \$39,710.38 were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said he had a slow month. He sent a letter to Joe Smith on property clean up. James sees a little progress. There was some discussion on the number of vehicles at his property and if they are all properly tagged.

CMB Licenses

Darel made a motion to approve the 2021 on and off-premises CMB licenses for Austen Hamilton at Outdoor Memories. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Ordinance & Resolution

Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #736 establishing the salaries of employees. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Sheila made a motion to approve Resolution 21#1 the 2021 GAAP Waiver. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The Clerk read the email from Heather Hartman informing the council that Emily Benedick at North Central Planning Commission will help the city develop a Capital Improvement Plan. The council would like more information concerning the process.

Building Permits

Darel made a motion to approve building permit #20-26 a new carport, shed and deck for Dan Meece at 409 W. 1st Street, #2. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The council briefly discussed building permit #20-18 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street. Darel mentioned that he contacted the State on the matter and he is questioning if CVA has specific permits filed. A Class 1 open air permit, a method 9 discharge permit, and he mentioned a qualitative assessment. Darel stated that he is concerned about the dust and noise a dryer will produce. He is especially concerned about the bee's wings from the corn they plan to dry.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he would like to purchase a new zero turn mower before April. The council asked him to bring bids to the February or March meetings.

There was a brief discussion on replacing the globes in the park. It was asked if the seasonal help could paint the poles this summer.

Clerk Report

Part-time office help is still needed. The clerk asked for permission to close the office when needed until help can be found. The council approved with proper notice.

Council Report

It was mentioned that everyone loved the Christmas lights this year.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

February 1, 2021

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., February 1, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Bob Kastrup, Jeff Holling, Cody Richards, Emily Benedick, Heather Hartman, James Reed, Attorney Tim Demel, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounting to \$62,693.85 plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power and City Attorney bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said he had another slow month. He did mention concern about an unregistered pickup on the Joe Smith property. James talked to Joe's wife and asked to have it removed.

Annual Appointments

Barry made a motion to approve the annual appointments made by Mayor Duskie. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mayor Duskie made the following annual appointments:

Council President	Darel Stuart
Municipal Judge:	Jim Johnson
City Attorney:	Timothy Demel
City Official Paper:	Cawker City Ledger
Financial Institution:	Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
City Clerk:	Jerri Senger
City Superintendent:	Eldon Behymer
City Maintenance:	Devon Housh
City Maintenance:	Garry Clark
City Treasurer:	Linda Mick
Fire Chief:	Garry Clark
Assistant Fire Chief:	Cody Thompson
Insurance Agency:	Linton Insurance

Light Committee: Ch: Darel Stuart, Landen Cleveland, Sheila Paxson

Water/Swim Pool Committee: Ch: Barry McPeak, Darel Stuart, Larry Wheeler

Street/Alley/Sidewalk Committee: Ch: Larry Wheeler, Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson

Park/Building Permit Committee: Ch: Eldon Behymer, Landen Cleveland, Larry Wheeler

Cemetery Committee: Ch: Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak, Landen Cleveland

Budget Committee: Ch: Ryan Duskie and all Council Members

City Council Meetings are to be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., unless a holiday, then will be held the following night.

Authorize Clerk to pay payroll 1st of each Month.

Authorize City Clerk to pay bills prior to meeting night to avoid paying penalties.

New Floodplain Maps

The council reviewed the letter from FEMA on their new proposed Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The maps were reviewed. There is a significant increase in the proposed flood area that will affect several homeowners on the North end of town. The council is concerned for property owners and question the increase when those proposed areas were not affected by the 1993 flood. The clerk will submit concerns about the large increased flood area by Friday's deadline.

Capital Improvement Plan

Emily Benedick, Executive Director at North Central Planning Commission (NCRPC), gave council members Capital Improvement Planning binders. She informed the council six meetings will need to be held on evenings other than council meeting nights. There is a lot of work to be done before each meeting, like gathering inventory lists and project needs in the city. Emily said the cost of the plan will be up to \$750.00 plus mileage. She asked for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the city and NCRPC for preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan. She also suggested setting up a small committee and a first meeting night. She added that community involvement will be important in this process.

Darel made a motion to move forward with a Capital Improvement Plan and approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Hobart Street

Darel requested this topic on the agenda. He said he has had good conversations with Jeff Holling and Cody Richards. He mentioned CVA is flexible about closing one of the streets on the truck route. He went on to say that CVA has some control over the commercial trucks that come into town, but has no control over the farmers and where they drive. Darel said he feels it would be best to close Kansas Street and have all the truck traffic on Hobart Street. He also would like to see new stop signs put up to slow the traffic and cut down on the dust on the truck route. After some discussion Darel said that we should either close Kansas or Hobart Street, leaving only one open to trucks, he didn't care which one.

Mayor Duskie stated that he would prefer to see concrete on the truck route streets, which would hold up much longer with the heavy traffic. Landen and Larry said they would prefer to keep both streets open at this time. There is concern about the deteriorating state of Hobart Street and the impact that closing Kansas Street would have on Hobart Street.

Emily mentioned there are two Kansas Department of Transportation programs that may help the city with the streets on the truck route. She gave the council information sheets on the programs. After more discussion on the streets, the council tabled the matter.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-1 a new front yard fence for the Friends Parsonage at 112 W. 2nd Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Sheila made a motion to reopen discussion on building permit #20-18, a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag, without the requested reports for further consideration and possible action. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Sheila started to make a motion to approve the permit and was stopped by Darel. Darel said he feels the building permit needs to be re-written. He said the permit does not reflect the changes made to the dryer location and it needs more details about the propane tank. Darel also asked about a waiver for the propane tank they are requesting. It was mentioned CVA already has approval for the large portable propane tanks for their current grain dryer. Darel mentioned being concerned about the safety issues related to the new propane tank. He said the proposed location near the tracks is a concern, if the cars were to derail there. The Attorney recommended the council evaluate/approve each propane storage unit request as they come in.

Darel read the following: "With the response from CVA on the questions concerning both noise and arousal pollutions, I feel the new dryer will not be in the best interest of the citizens of

Glen Elder. I believe that all future CVA expansion should be done east of Glen Elder at the bunkers or in Beloit. The Bees wings will continue to be a problem and will get much worse with the increase of corn products through a new dryer. The real concern is the increase in traffic noise, speeding semi's, spilt grain, dust, exhaust fumes from the semi traffic, increase noise from the clanking doors on the rail cars, train engines idling at night all are presenting a quality of life and health issues."

Barry said he was for the new dryer, but after this last weekend he isn't. Barry said his house shook all weekend because the train engine was parked south of his house when they were loading cars. Now he feels the dryer should be put in another town.

Landen said he would like to see a new building permit application filled out. Landen made a motion to deny building permit #20-18 with the understanding a new permit application will be submitted with the new location of the dryer; the location, details and safety precautions of the new propane tank. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Darel said that he feels the city should get copies of all of CVA's state inspection permits/reports, to keep on file.

Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with a bid from Carrico Implement for a 2021 John Deere Z720E zero turn 48" deck mower for \$5,480.00. He said the bid is without a trade-in. The old mower will be put up for sale on sealed bids. Landed made a motion to purchase the 2021 Z720E mower from Carrico Implement. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon said he talked to one of the Methodist Church farmers about increasing the dump to the south. They would be willing to lease about .3 acres to the south of the dump for five years at \$300.00 per year. He mentioned that the city would have to fence the leased area and move the fence back after the lease. Eldon did say the city owns more ground to the west of the existing dump fence, but they need to locate the rural waterlines to see just how much can be utilized. He is hoping for 100 feet. The council decided to discuss this topic further after the rural waterlines have been located.

Clerk Report

The clerk asked for permission to hire Hannah Haggard as the part-time office assistant/assistant clerk. The council gave their blessing. Hannah will start this week.

The clerk informed the council the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health and dental insurance plan premium increased 8.5% this year.

The clerk mentioned the printer needs to be replaced, as replacement parts are more expensive than purchasing a new printer. After some discussion, the council asked her to keep looking for a printer that will handle the utility bills.

The clerk asked to be renewed as the city's KMEA board of director position.

The council was given the final 2020 financial reports.

Council Report

The council congratulated the city crew on the great job they did keeping the streets cleaned during the snow last week.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

March 1, 2021

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., March 1, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Jeff Holling, Joe Smith, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Resignations

Barry made a motion to accept the resignations of Mayor Ryan Duskie and City Attorney Timothy Demel. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

It should be noted that Darel Stuart was sworn in as the Mayor on Thursday afternoon, February 25, after the resignation of Ryan Duskie was received.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$45,072.70 plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The clerk reported on the first capital improvement plan meeting that was held on February 16. A completed list of all city owned equipment, including the office and fire department, has been given to Emily Benedick to be put in the plan. Eldon is currently working on a detailed list of the infrastructure. Emily and her office are working on putting together a draft public CIP survey for each household in Glen Elder to have an opportunity to complete. Due to time and scheduling conflicts, the next CIP meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00 pm.

Building Permits

The council discussed building permit application #21-2 for a kitchen addition to the back of the old library building at 105 S. Mill. The Senior Center granted permission for the addition to be built, no closer than three feet from the Senior Center's building. Proper drainage between the two buildings was also discussed. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-2, a building addition, at 105 S. Mill with the noted permission from the Senior Center. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The Mayor mentioned a decision needed to be made on building permit #21-4 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street. Landen made a motion to approve building permit #21-4 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag. Sheila seconded the motion. Landen and Sheila voted for the motion. Larry and Barry voted against the motion. Mayor Stuart voted against the motion, breaking the tie. The building permit for the grain dryer is denied.

Executive Session

At 6:08pm Barry made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 6:23pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he ordered the park light globes discussed a couple months ago. He noted the price went up \$900.00 in the 8-months since they were first discussed. Larry

approved the park light globe purchase. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon asked for permission to hire the three summer help employees from last summer. The council approved him to hire three summer employees.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the written report from James Reed. No comments were made.

Clerk Report

The clerk asked for permission to purchase a new printer. She is still waiting for information on a Canon printer, and not sure if it or the Brother printer quoted last month will be the best option. Barry made a motion to approve spending up to \$1,500.00 on a new printer. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The clerk sent an email to the state flood insurance map representative requesting they come to Glen Elder to reevaluate the proposed map. Pictures of the 1993 flood were sent with the email and a request to reduce the size of the flood area on the proposed maps.

The clerk expressed concern about SB 87 currently being discussed in Topeka. If SB 87 passes the city will lose its portion of the county sales tax collected, which in 2020 was \$53,876.75. This would be devastating to the city financially and the clerk mentioned if this passes it makes having a city sales tax just that more important.

The clerk informed the council Kayla Hamilton has been in contact and will again be the pool manager.

Council Report

There was a short discussion on the increase in gas prices with the extreme cold spell last month. No one knows, at this time, exactly how it will affect the citizens of Glen Elder.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

April 5, 2021

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., April 5, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Sherri Linton, Attorney Scott D. Wright, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

City Attorney

Mayor Stuart introduced Attorney Scott D. Wright. Barry made a motion to approve Scott D. Wright as the new city attorney. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Scott took his official oath of office and took his seat at the council table.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 1 & 8, 2021 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$44,530.54, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

City EMC Insurance

Sherri Linton presented the council with copies of the insurance policy that renewed on April 1, 2021. Sherri explained the premium is just \$300.00 more than last year and since the city is claim free, the city will be receiving a dividend check that should be a couple thousand dollars. She said EMC is the largest municipal insurance company in the state of Kansas. The only question the council had for her was to explain what "inland marine" meant. She said it is the equipment owned by the city. Sherri thanked the council for their business.

Mosquito Spraying

The city owns old spray equipment, but was approached by Jesse Mudd asking to spray the town for mosquitos for \$2,000.00 per year. Eldon checked a couple of his references. The council felt it best to have the city crew continue to do the spraying in town. Eldon mentioned they spray the baseball field during the baseball season.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the written report from James Reed. Barry said Mike Becker contacted him, and Mike would have preferred James to contact him before he mailed the letter requesting him to clean up his property. The council agreed that contacting residents first would be the best practice.

Resolution #21-2

Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #21-2 to apply an energy cost adjustment to customers for electric costs incurred during the extreme winter weather event of February 2021. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council reviewed the draft CIP public survey form. This survey will find out what Glen Elder citizens feel are the most important infrastructure and facility improvement needs at this time. Larry made a motion to approve the survey and get it out to the residents. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The council reviewed the equipment inventory list and rating sheet from Emily Benedick. The council asked Eldon to complete the ratings on the lists. Barry made a motion to approve Eldon completing the CIP rating sheets. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The next CIP meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00 pm.

Building Permits

Eldon said all three building permit applications looked good to him. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-5 to build a chicken coop and pen for Annette Ybarra at 209 E. Main Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Larry made a motion to approve permits: #21-6 to erect a privacy fence for Richard Ryan at 313 N. Hobart, and #21-7 to erect a grain bin gazebo for Don's Guide Service at 308 N. Hobart. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council a cross arm broke off at the ball field and smashed four of the baseball lights. He said the lights are so old they can't find globes to replace them. Eldon said they tried to salvage the lights and managed to piece two back together, but he is concerned about putting them back up, 55 feet in the air. He said he found new lights that cost just under \$500.00 each. He said LED lights are too expensive, at \$1,000.00 each, and would look odd with the rest of the older lights. Larry made a motion to purchase and replace the four baseball lights. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Sheila asked if the baseball club could apply for a grant to get all new LED lights. Eldon said he would check with them.

Eldon asked for permission to pour concrete in the west shop. He wants to make a wash bay and the estimated total project cost would be around \$12,000.00. He said the city crew would dig out and form up the 30 by 40 area, and John Senger would have his crew come pour the concrete for just \$1,000.00 in labor. He said this job would be one that would take several months. They would insulate and put-up tin siding around the wash bay. The council asked about a city car wash instead, one that everyone in town could use. Landen mentioned he would rather the shop just have a regular concrete floor and have a city car wash. It was discussed to use the corner lot where the old Conoco station was. The council asked Eldon to bring figures to the next council meeting for a city car wash.

Eldon informed the council he had the old mower advertised on Beloit Buy, Sell & Trade for sealed bids. He said the bids will be opened at the May 3rd meeting. It was mentioned that the new JD mower will be picked up this week.

Eldon presented the council with information on a new John Deere 5075E utility tractor with a JD 520M loader. The total cost is \$49,000.00, with the lease price at \$52,800. Eldon said this would be a heavier tractor than what they currently have and it would need to be ordered so it wouldn't be here until October or November. He added that this tractor would replace the one they have that has had issues with the tires coming off. The council tabled any decisions on the tractor.

Eldon informed the council he ordered new tires for the backhoe from Thompson Tire. They will cost \$550.00 each.

Clerk Report

The clerk asked about paying Darel Stuart's personal attorney. Darel said his attorney helped him find a new city attorney and he may bill the city for that time. Larry made a motion to pay Rick Comfort up to \$300.00 for services, if billed. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The clerk informed the council the Tri-State Coalition of Concerned Motorcyclists will be using the square on May 1 & 2. They plan to arrive in the evening on the first and leave in the morning of the 2nd.

The clerk asked if the council would like her to do the budget again this year. The council responded that they would and she asked for permission to attend the League's Finance Zoom meeting on Friday morning, April 16. The council gave permission to attend the meeting and lock the office while in the meeting.

The clerk asked the council to review the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the light fund to the equipment reserve fund.

Executive Session

At 6:55pm Larry made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, attorney and council present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:05pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Council Report

The council commented on how well the grass looked in the square for the Easter Egg Hunt.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

May 3, 2021

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., May 3, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Dan Winkel, Scott Jordan, Lori Augustine, Garry Clark, Emily Benedick, Heather Hartman, James Reed, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

New Councilman & Council President

Mayor Stuart asked for the approval of Dan Winkel to fill his vacant council seat. Larry made a motion to approve Dan Winkel as the new council member. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Dan took his official oath of office and took his seat at the council table.

Mayor Stuart announced he would like to appoint Landen Cleveland as the new Council President. Larry made a motion to approve Landen Cleveland as the new Council President. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounted to \$68,428.34, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power and the attorney bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

Emily Benedick, Executive Director at North Central Regional Planning Commission, went through the infrastructure inventory and notes she compiled, paying special attention to the project priority lists. Mayor Stuart said he would be very interested in State funding to repair Hobart Street since it is a bypass route for Highway 24. Emily said she won't have any idea if there will be funding until after the June KDOT meeting. She said she will let the council know if she hears of any money available after their meeting. Emily reported we have received 26 surveys to date. The council talked about how to encourage residents to fill out the survey and decided word of mouth is best. Surveys will be taken until June 1, 2021. Emily said a public meeting will be held in July to get residents involved and educated on the Capital Improvement Plan. She said the CIP will be completed in August, in time to begin working on the proposed city sales tax.

Fire Department

Fire Chief, Garry Clark asked to have Zach Shelton appointed as a new fireman on the department. Barry made a motion to appoint Zach Shelton to the fire department. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Garry asked for permission to purchase four new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles. He said they have a 15-year life span and they are approximately \$550.00 each. The council asked if he had the money in his budget, which he said he did. Barry made a motion to approve the purchase of four new SCBA bottles. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Garry informed the council that the dive team will continue to use the department's ambulance vehicle. He said it may be used as far away as Lovewell, Kirwin and Wilson lakes. It was noted that both of the department's fire trucks are close to 30 years old.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed reported not much going on at this time. He said he expects tall grass/weed issues with the weather warming up. Barry asked him to keep an eye on the large equipment trailer occasionally parked along east Kansas Street.

Car Wash

Eldon presented the council with bids for the car wash project. He said he is sure there will be more cost to the project, but his total came in at \$22,134.86 (with Ron's bid) for the project. Ron Eberle Construction's concrete bid is without materials (labor only) at \$9,037.66 and Senger Construction's concrete bid came in at \$19,500.00 for labor and materials. Dan Winkel suggested the building be made of blocks instead of wood and tin. Dan said wood and tin will deteriorate too fast, he added speaking from experience. He also said the state has requirements on the mud pit. The council talked about building the car wash, running it for a year to a year and a half, then selling it. It was mentioned to call other cities with a car wash to see how they are doing. Eldon mentioned Ron can start the project soon and have the concrete poured by June 1st. The council would like the building set up with a block ledge foundation so a possible future block building can replace the wood and tin. After a discussion on funding this project, Landen made a motion to approve building a car wash with a cap on the project of \$25,000.00. Using a contract with Ron Eberle to pour the concrete and funding this project with water, sewer, capital improvement, and a small amount of general fund money. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the swimming pool admission rates. They decided to leave them the same as last year. The opening day for the pool will be Saturday, May 29, 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Mower Sealed Bids

Mayor Stuart opened two sealed bids for the 2006 John Deere 717A zero turn mower, \$1,357.00 and \$1,810.00. Kevin Noller was the winning bid at \$1,810.00.

Building Permits

Eldon said all the building permit applications looked good to him. Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #21-9 expand driveway approach & move mailbox for Tom & Beth Ford at 312 N. Hobart, #21-10 a new 10 x 20 concrete slab for Eldon Behymer at Behymer Cove 116 N. College, #21-11 move in a 10 x 20 new shed for Roger & Tina Hardaway at 501 W. 1st Street, #21-12 enlarge patio and erect new fence sections for Roy Bischoff at 336 N. Nash. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council an old cistern was found at the southwest corner of the square. He said they are filling it with sand.

Eldon asked what the council wants to do about the really bad spots on Hobart Street. Larry and the rest of the council would like to repair the bad spots with flowable, working north to south until the money in the budget is depleted. The council is hoping to receive some help from the state on more permanent street repair on Hobart and Kansas Streets.

Eldon reported the curb and guttering at 208 and 209 East Kansas Street are in desperate need of replacement. He said if we leave the curb and guttering like they are, water could get under the street and deteriorate it like it has done on Hobart Street. He said he talked to John Senger and they will pour the concrete and the city crew could do the tearing out of the old. He said the project should cost a total of \$5,000.00. Larry made a motion to approve the replacement of the curb and guttering at 208 and 209 East Kansas Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

There was more discussion on the large equipment trailer occasionally parked in the street on East Kansas Street and the hazard it creates. The Mayor asked to ban semi parking on Kansas Street from Hobart east to Marshall Street. There was some discussion on this, and an ordinance is needed. Eldon reported new signs will cost around \$26.00 apiece. The Mayor would also like signs put up in the square asking folks to pick up messes from their dogs. Eldon said all the signs requested will cost around \$150.00. Barry made a motion to put up signs in the square concerning dog clean-up and to ban semi parking along East Kansas Street. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Clerk Report

The clerk informed the council the filing deadline for council positions is Tuesday, June 1 at noon. Positions up this year are: Sheila Paxson, Larry Wheeler, and Mayor Darel Stuart. Individuals are required to file a declaration of intent to become a candidate at the courthouse with the election officer. In addition to the forms required a \$20.00 filing fee is also required. If needed, a primary will be held August 3rd and the general election will be held on November 2. The newly elected city officials will take office on the first Monday in December, December 6, 2021.

The clerk expressed her concern about SB 87, which is still alive in Topeka. She again stated if this bill is passed it will be devastating to lose the sales tax money to the county. She informed the council SB 13 was passed. SB 13 repeals the property tax lid law, however it establishes new notification and public hearing requirements for all taxing subdivisions seeking to increase property taxes above those provided for by their "revenue-neutral rate." She said the tax lid was about actual dollars. The revenue neutral rate is about the mill levy. She said it will require a public hearing in August along with the public hearing for the budget.

The clerk briefly mentioned the "American Rescue Plan" money the city may be receiving from the federal government. This money is to be used for COVID related expenses.

Council Report

The council discussed the grease spot on the sidewalk in front of the old library. They also discussed the food trailer that was parked in front of the building on the west side of the street. The council would prefer all food vendors to be parked along the square side of the streets. The council said if the spot is not cleaned up, the city crew will clean it up and bill the food truck owner. The council asked to be sure the vendor permit states they need to be parked along the inside edge of the square.

Larry made a motion to approve the purchase of a new bagger for the new JD mower. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council meeting times were briefly discussed. It was the consensus to leave the meeting times at 6:00 pm.

With no other business, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
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June 7, 2021

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Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounted to \$62,624.75, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, the attorney, and Miller Welding bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Audit Report

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, went through the 2020 Audit Report in detail. Neil said no adjustments or corrections were needed from the information they received from the City Clerk to the audit's final report. The only note made in the communication letter was for the segregation of duties, which applies to every small town. Neil did ask the council to pay close attention to everything they sign and that is presented to them at council meetings when it comes to the bills and financial documents.

City Sales Tax

Heather Hartman, Mitchell County Community Development Director, gave a list of cities in the area and their city sales taxes rates. Heather suggested forming a committee of three to five folks to go out and visit with residents and business owners. Darel Stuart, Lori Augustine, and Larry will talk to his neighbor about being on the committee. The council would like to use the tax money to pay for general infrastructure like: streets, curb and gutters, etc. The tax money will be put into the Capital Improvement Plan, with the tax having no sunset. Heather will come up with a timeframe. Residents can get more information about the city sales tax at the public meeting to be held on Thursday, July 15 at 7:00 pm about the Capital Improvement Plan.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the May activity report from Code Officer James Reed.

Car Wash

Larry made a motion to approve the location change of the city car wash, moving it from Kansas Street to Mill Street, on the west side of the city shop. Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. Eldon reported the city crew made the decision to pour 30-inch-deep footings on the three sides of the wash area, at a cost of \$1,225.00. He said this will keep the poured concrete from breaking up when a semi-truck is driven onto the wash area. The mayor reported the total project cost for the car wash at the new location is approximately \$12,200.00.

Eldon asked about a water softener and RO system. Eldon said they have a 180-gallon storage tank. After a discussion, the council felt it is a good idea to get a water softener, and a RO system is not needed. Eldon said he will contact Culligan Water in Downs and Concordia for prices.

No Parking Ordinance

Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #737 amending parking limitations in town and restricting the parking of trucks or trailers in excess of a registered gross weight of 36,000

pounds on Kansas Street between Hobart Street and Marshall Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Clerk Report

The clerk informed the council that Sheila Paxson will be running for Mayor and Lori Augustine will be running for a council position. The general election will be held on November 2, 2021.

The clerk said that she will begin working on the budget. She mentioned the budget hearing will most likely be held in September this year due to the new Revenue Neutral Rate regulations.

The clerk asked the council to review the letter from EMC concerning the \$4,281.46 dividend check received.

The clerk mentioned receiving information about the public meeting for the new Floodplain Maps to be held in Beloit at the Municipal Building on July 21, from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The clerk said the flood area was reduced from the initial large area affecting residents on the north end of town. However, there are still homes that will be affected by these new floodplain maps, that were not in the floodplain in the past. She encouraged residents and council to attend the meeting next month.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6th due to the holiday on Monday.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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City Clerk

July 8, 2021

The regular Glen Elder City Council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Those in attendance: Mayor Darel Stuart, council members Sheila Paxson and Dan Winkel. Also in attendance: Thomas Depew, Kevin Noller, Emily Benedick, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger. Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Landen Cleveland were unable to attend the meeting. Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, July 8 at 6:00 pm.

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m., July 8, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Thomas Depew, Kevin Noller, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounted to \$73,141.49, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, the attorney, and Kansas One-call bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Steak Cook-off

Thomas Depew asked the council's permission to host a steak competition in October, around the square. He said the competition will bring into town approximately 20 to 40 teams from out of the area. He said each competitor will have a 10' by 10' area to do their cooking in. He wants that to be located in the street, not on the grass. Thomas said the competition will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The council liked the idea as long as cooking areas will not be on the sidewalks. There was some discussion about leaving streets open and which side of the square Thomas wanted blocked off. The council approve blocking off the east side of the square for a steak competition in October 2021.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the June activity report from Code Officer James Reed.

The mayor and council expressed concern about fireworks that were shot off after 11:00 pm, by one family in particular. The council asked to have a letter sent to the family.

It was mentioned Wes Thompson's fireworks display was ran very well. The fireworks were done and cleaned up by 11:00 pm.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan presentation for the public meeting provided by Emily Benedick. The council liked the information in the presentation. The public meeting about the Capital Improvement Plan will be held on Thursday, July 15 at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to come.

City Sales Tax

The mayor informed the council that from every dollar collected for property taxes, the city gets just 18 cents. A census representative gave a presentation this morning with the mayor, Sheila Paxson, and the clerk present. Glen Elder's population is down to 420 residents due to the increasing number of summer/weekend homes in town. Lower population numbers mean less money received from the state and federal government when population is a calculating factor. The special highway money received from the state for street repairs is a perfect example. The clerk reiterated how important a city sales tax would be in repairing the streets, curbs and gutters in town. The clerk said the city does not have the money to properly repair Hobart with the existing budget funds. Darel Stuart and Lori Augustine are the city sales tax

committee members. Residents can get more information about the city sales tax at public meeting on July 15, 2021.

Car Wash

The car wash is up and running, using quarters. The clerk is trying to get ahold of the company to setup the debit and card reading system for the car wash. The council reviewed the car wash project cost list which totals \$15,306.70 to date. The mayor said Chris Wagner is willing to donate the vacuum, if the city will purchase the stand and light for \$600.00. Sheila made a motion to purchase the vacuum stand and light for \$600.00. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Dan abstained from voting.

2021 Audit Agreement

The council reviewed the proposal from Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA to prepare the 2021 audit for \$6,500.00. Landen made a motion to hire Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips to conduct the 2021 audit. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Residential Trash Contract

The current contract for residential trash collection will expire on December 31, 2021. The council discussed getting the process started and send requests for proposals to both Mitchell County trash collecting companies as well as companies in Jewell and Osborne Counties.

Building Permit

Larry made a motion to approve building permit #21-13 to move in a 10'x12' storage shed for Wes Thompson at 121 W. College Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Barry abstained from voting.

Executive Session

At 6:34pm Sheila made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, and Eldon present. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

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

Personnel Handbook

The council asked the clerk to be sure the personnel rules and regulations have updated residency requirements. Full-time maintenance employees can live within a legal 15-minute drive from the city and can have up to 90 days to live within that area.

Clerk Report

The clerk mentioned the public meeting on the new Floodplain Maps to be held in Beloit at the Municipal Building on July 21, from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. She encouraged residents and council to attend the meeting.

The clerk informed the council the office will be closed at times for sick and vacation leave, until a new office assistant can be found.

The clerk asked the city attorney if he has had any luck getting CB Trucking to pay for the fire hydrant damage from May 2020. Scott said he will work on that.

The clerk quickly went through the draft of the 2021 Budget. In order to budget a little more for street repairs and other necessary expenses, the city will need to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 33.519 provided by the county clerk. Sheila made a motion to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate by 5 mills and send the required notice to the county clerk by July 20, 2021. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk informed the council the city is to receive half (\$32,085.95) of the American Rescue Plan money any day. She said the money must be spent by December 31, 2024 and it is suggested not to get in a rush to spend the money. She stated it will come with lots of paperwork and reports, and the city will be limited as to what the money can be used for. As of now the money can be used for COVID-19 related negative economic impacts, or necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Council Reports

Landen said he is happy to have the car wash open. The mayor read the letter he received from Bob Kastrup about the excessive dust from the harvest trucks on the CVA driveway south of his apartment.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

July 15, 2021 "Special Meeting"

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., July 15, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Emily Benedick, Heather Hartman, Kevin Noller, Lori Augustine, Molly Jordan, Tim Porter, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Capital Improvement Program

Emily Benedick gave a detailed presentation on the new Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Glen Elder. She went through the details of the city's current wastewater, water, electrical, streets, curb & gutter, and sidewalk systems. She reported on the CIP survey results, the list of top priority improvements from the council and surveys. She also talked about how to fund future improvements, which included a city sales tax. She explained the importance of a city sales tax to fill-in the gap in funding for future city improvements.

The mayor and council thanked Emily for all her work on the plan. Councilmember Cleveland asked Emily if she could record her presentation on the city sales tax. He stated it would be nice to add to Facebook before the November election.

Mayor Stuart adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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August 2, 2021

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Mayor Stuart asked if everyone present was vaccinated. He stated he would like everyone that comes into City Hall to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated. He asked the clerk to post a sign on the door.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 8 & 15, 2021 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounted to \$65,591.27, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Cawker City Ledger, Kansas One-call, Waconda Trader, Waconda Boats & Motors, and the attorney bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Swimming Pool

Kayla Hamilton, Pool Manager, reported visitation in June and July is up this year compared to last. The private pool party numbers are up, and the Red Cross swimming lessons were phenomenal this year with 53 kids compared to 30 last year. She informed the council WSI certified guards will be needed for next year. She also mentioned cutting down on the number of guards she hires next year to five or six and having them commit to working a set number of days per week or hours per month. Kayla will set designations on hours and days for full-time, part-time, and being a sub. She said this will cut down on the number of suits ordered for guards and help her with scheduling. The mayor asked Kayla for a written report on her lifeguard proposal, and he asked her to look at the admission rates and give the council her recommendations. Kayla suggested increasing wages, as she lost a guard this summer to Beloit with their higher wage. Bonuses were mentioned, Councilmember Dan Winkel suggested an end-of-year bonus if one is given.

Kayla mentioned that something needs to be done with the peeling paint; it is a mess. Eldon said the company that painted the pool last fall will be back this fall to repair and redo the paint job. As well, Eldon informed the council the chlorinator needs to be repaired this fall.

Library Board

Cindy Clausen and Lisa Jermark, Library Board Members, informed the council they are in the process of obtaining their 501-c3 status. The paperwork has been filed and they are waiting. The mayor expressed concern about the community room rentals competing with the American Legion. They said visitation was down last year, most likely due to COVID. They reported the kid's programs have been very popular this year. Cindy mentioned they just received a state grant of over \$21,000.00 for outdoor projects and programs. The council asked about having better open hours for folks that can't make the two mornings they are currently open.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the July activity report from Code Officer James Reed. Barry asked to have Joe Smith put on the agenda next month.

City Sales Tax

The mayor informed everyone present that voting to pass the city sales tax in November is very important. It will help fund for repairs that we don't have the money to fix, without the sales tax. Sheila made a motion approving Resolution #21-3 which authorizes a special question election in the city for the purpose of imposing a one percent city-wide sales tax for general purposes. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Car Wash

The clerk asked for permission to open a separate bank account for the car wash. She informed the council the debit and credit card company will charge a fee to the city of six cents per transaction and 25% of the amount. The council felt the fees could be absorbed and not passed on to the customers at this time. Landen made a motion to open a separate bank account for the car wash. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Eldon said the credit/debit card machine works and is ready to go as soon as the account paperwork is done. The clerk said the car wash has collected \$452.75 so far. The council reviewed the car wash project cost list, which totals \$16,577.44. The mayor noted the amount is well under what was initially approved for the project.

Executive Session

At 6:30pm Dan made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, attorney, and Eldon present. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 6:45pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Maintenance Employee

Barry made a motion to offer the new maintenance employee prospect the job at \$17.50 per hour. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Residential Trash Contract

The attorney asked the clerk for an updated number of trash customers. Scott asked the council for details for the invitation for bids. The city will collect residential trash collection bids until October 31, 2021. The bids will be opened and awarded at the November 1, 2021, regular council meeting.

Building Permit

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-14 per a new patio cover for Scott Hughes at 113 S. Hobart. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Clerk Report

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Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 2, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounted to \$60,535.14, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power and the Rolling Hills Electric Coop bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

New Maintenance Employee

Eldon introduced John Mosher, the new maintenance employee. John gave some background on himself and his family.

Booster Station & Streets

Stuart Porter, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, informed the council the city has water pressure problems for customers on the hill. He said the pump system and piping at the water tower are very outdated and in dire need of rehabilitation. He presented the council with a proposal for engineering services to develop plans and specifications for rehabilitating the booster pump station at the water tower, not to exceed \$14,000.00. Stuart mentioned KDHE requires a permit application, and it may take 90 plus days to get the State's approval on the project. Stuart said the building is in good condition. He suggested updating the pumping equipment with two new good quality pumps. He also recommended new replumbing, piping, and possibly a new pressure tank. Eldon said the city crew would do all the labor for the project. Stuart stated the overall project cost would be between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Eldon said the American Rescue Plan Act funds qualify for this project. Larry made a motion to get started on the booster pump station project and hire Schwab-Eaton as engineers. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The mayor signed the engineering proposal.

Stuart Porter informed the council the KDOT Cost Share Program requires a minimum project match of 15%. However, he has never seen a project approved with that small of a match. He said most approved projects have a 50/50 match. He does feel the truck route resurfacing project would qualify since it's an economic benefit to the community and the grain trucks. Stuart said there would be some cost to apply for the grant and it would require an engineer to be hired, which adds to the expense of the project. He mentioned next year's application deadline is a more realistic option. Eldon and Stuart discussed different project ideas for Hobart Street. Eldon suggested fixing all the curb and guttering on Hobart before resurfacing the street. Stuart mentioned some KDOT contact names and suggested having the area representative come to town. The mayor asked Stuart Porter what the standard weight limit was on residential streets. Stuart replied, "Streets are not designed for a load, they are designed for a usage." He added, "Chip and seal streets are some of the toughest streets."

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said August was a busy month for code enforcement. The council reviewed his report. Mayor Darel Stuart asked to have the ordinance re-written on how many warnings are given before a notice to appear in court is sent out. After some discussion, it was the consensus that James can give as many verbal warnings as he wants, however he should only give one red tag and one written warning before the notice to appear in court is sent. It was noted that after one notice to appear is given, written warnings are not required just another notice to appear in court. The council asked to have Scott re-write the ordinance.

2022 Revenue Neutral Rate & Budget Hearings

With a quorum present, Mayor Stuart opened the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing. There was no public comment on the city exceeding the RNR. Sheila made a motion to approve Resolution #21-4 – allowing the city to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The RNR hearing was officially closed.

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Darel Stuart read his letter of resignation as Mayor, effective tomorrow September 8th.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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September 7, 2021

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Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 2, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounted to \$60,535.14, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power and the Rolling Hills Electric Coop bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

New Maintenance Employee

Eldon introduced John Mosher, the new maintenance employee. John gave some background on himself and his family.

Booster Station & Streets

Stuart Porter, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, informed the council the city has water pressure problems for customers on the hill. He said the pump system and piping at the water tower are very outdated and in dire need of rehabilitation. He presented the council with a proposal for engineering services to develop plans and specifications for rehabilitating the booster pump station at the water tower, not to exceed \$14,000.00. Stuart mentioned KDHE requires a permit application, and it may take 90 plus days to get the State's approval on the project. Stuart said the building is in good condition. He suggested updating the pumping equipment with two new good quality pumps. He also recommended new replumbing, piping, and possibly a new pressure tank. Eldon said the city crew would do all the labor for the project. Stuart stated the overall project cost would be between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00. Eldon said the American Rescue Plan Act funds qualify for this project. Larry made a motion to get started on the booster pump station project and hire Schwab-Eaton as engineers. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The mayor signed the engineering proposal.

Stuart Porter informed the council the KDOT Cost Share Program requires a minimum project match of 15%. However, he has never seen a project approved with that small of a match. He said most approved projects have a 50/50 match. He does feel the truck route re-surfacing project would qualify since it's an economic benefit to the community and the grain trucks. Stuart said there would be some cost to apply for the grant and it would require an engineer to be hired, which adds to the expense of the project. He mentioned next year's application deadline is a more realistic option. Eldon and Stuart discussed different project ideas for Hobart Street. Eldon suggested fixing all the curb and guttering on Hobart before resurfacing the street. Stuart mentioned some KDOT contact names and suggested having the area representative come to town. The mayor asked Stuart Porter what the standard weight limit was on residential streets. Stuart replied, "Streets are not designed for a load, they are designed for a usage." He added, "Chip and seal streets are some of the toughest streets."

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said August was a busy month for code enforcement. The council reviewed his report. Mayor Darel Stuart asked to have the ordinance re-written on how many warnings are giving before a notice to appear in court is sent out. After some discussion,

it was the consensus that James can give as many verbal warnings as he wants, however he should only give one red tag and one written warning before the notice to appear in court is sent. It was noted that after one notice to appear is giving, written warnings are not required just another notice to appear in court. The council asked to have Scott re-write the ordinance.

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Appointments

Mayor Landen Cleveland nominated Sheila Paxson as council president. The council unanimously approved the appointment of Sheila as the new council president. Landen read and signed his letter of resignation as the mayor, effective immediately. Landen left the council table. Sheila took her official oath as the new Mayor.

Mayor Sheila Paxson stated two council seats are now empty. The seat vacated last month still has a two-year term in office and needs to be filled. She asked to have Landen Cleveland appointed to the vacant seat he previously held. Barry made a motion to approve the appointment of Landen Cleveland to the council seat with a two-year term left. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Landen took his official oath and his council seat.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 7, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounted to \$65,707.55, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric Coop, and city attorney bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

County Programs

Heather Hartman informed the council of the upcoming "Dream Big" meeting at the College tomorrow evening at 5:30pm. She said there is lots of grant money out there and this meeting is to brainstorm for a large project needed in the area. Cities, schools, and community organizations qualify for the large project ideas they are seeking.

Heather mentioned a new program utilizing EDA money to fund new micro factories for a year. This program utilizes Kansas State University's expertise in starting a manufacturing business and will use NCK Tech College facility to locate the micro factories. She said this program is perfect for the individual that builds or makes something in their garage, which could be turned into a business.

Heather informed the council it is time to renew the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. This tax rebate program must be renewed every two years and each taxing entity must elect to participate in the program. She said the only change the County Commissioners made to the plan is requiring mobile homes to be fixed to a permanent foundation. She mentioned a public hearing must be held, preferably at the November council meeting, and a new ordinance must be passed to participate in the program.

Pool Reports

Kayla Hamilton went over her suggestions for hiring new guards next year. She would like the guards to sign a contract of some sort. She wants the guards to take the responsibility of having a job at the pool more seriously. The council thanked her for the wonderful job she has done as the pool manager.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said September was a slow month for code enforcement. A couple property owners he has been working with have shown improvement.

There was some discussion on residents contacting council members wanting extensions on property cleanup deadlines. The council wants everyone to know it is James Reed's job to handle these matters, not the council.

Trash Collection Contracts

Scott Wright shared with the council the invitation for residential trash collection bids he sent out to area companies last month. Bids will be accepted until the end of October and opened at the November 1st council meeting.

Randy Slate introduced himself and told the council about his trash collection business. He plans to submit a bid.

CMB Ordinance #740

The council reviewed Ordinance #740 amending the city codes authorizing Sunday sales of cereal malt beverages in the original package within the city of Glen Elder between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This new ordinance sets the hours the same as the new state law. Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #740 amending the times for the sale of CMB. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The Attorney mentioned the ordinance must be published two consecutive weeks and if no protest petition is received, the ordinance becomes effective on the 61st day following the last publication.

Behymer Request

Eldon informed the council he wants to purchase the baseball and football fields. He added with the understanding as long as there are baseball teams to play in Glen Elder, the baseball field would remain the same - maintained by the city and used for baseball. He said once baseball is done in Glen Elder, he would take possession of the baseball field land. He said without the baseball field there is no access to the football field. Landen mentioned he would like to put the land up for bids, if the city is to sell the properties.

Building Permits

Eldon informed the council both building permits looked fine. These was a brief discussion about Mike Louthan blocking the easement, north of the old school building, back to the baseball field. Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #21-15 a new fence for Lucas Wiseman at 400 N. Nash, and #21-16 a new concrete slab for Mitchell Gourley at 340 N. Nash. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Executive Session

At 6:55pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, and attorney present. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:00pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Maintenance Employee

Landen made a motion to increase Devon Housh's pay to \$18.00 per hour, retroactive to last month's hours worked. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

A resident was present concerned about her electric bill. Eldon was asked to check her meter.

Council Reports

Barry said the city needs to treat everyone the same when it comes to asking someone to have insurance for shooting off fireworks.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

November 1, 2021

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., November 1, 2021, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Tyler Dunstan, Garry Clark, Cody Thompson, Thomas Depew, Lori Augustine, Kevin Noller, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 4, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounted to \$39,144.16, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric Coop, Kansas One-Call, Cawker City Ledger, CVA, and Municipal Supply bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program

The council discussed the participation in Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program for years 2022 through 2024, which requires the approval of Ordinance #741. Larry and Dan voiced their concern about the tax rebate program. Landen mentioned that it helped he and his wife with the building of their new home. Larry made a motion to vote on Ordinance #741. Dan seconded the motion. Landen voted to approve Ordinance #741. Dan, Larry, and Barry voted against Ordinance #741. Approval of Ordinance #741 failed.

Trash Collection Bids

Mayor Paxson opened two bids for residential trash collection. Slate's Wasteco LLC bid came in at \$10.00 and Dunstan Waste Solution's bid at \$18.60. Each bid is per customer per month. Tyler Dunstan said the county landfill fee is \$70.00 per ton. Slate's Wasteco didn't have an amount for the landfill disposal fee. A couple council members mentioned they like the trash containers provided by Dunstan. Barry said he would like to see the council accept the lower bid and save residents money. Dan made a motion to keep Dunstan Waste Solutions as residential trash collectors for the next five years and have the attorney draft a contract. Larry seconded the motion. The vote carried with three ayes. Barry voted against.

Council member Barry McPeak left the meeting.

Fire Department

Garry Clark asked the council for an increase in the allowance for the annual fireman's meal. He said steaks are more expensive and asked for \$18.00 per fireman this year. Landen made a motion to pay \$18.00 per fireman for the annual meal. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Garry said he would like to order the firemen t-shirts and sweatshirts. He would like the city logo on the front, like the employees have, and a fireman's flag on the back. Garry wasn't sure of the price yet and Landen asked for him to get bids and bring them to the next council meeting.

Garry mentioned if he has leftover budget, he would like to purchase two more air bottles. The council approved the purchase if he has the budget money.

Mayor Paxson presented the following fire department service certificates and pins: Garry Clark - 20-year of service, and Cody Thompson - 15-year of service.

Executive Session

At 6:30pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

At 6:40pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Landen made a motion to pay the same Christmas bonus to the full-time employees as last year, \$650.00, \$300.00 to John, \$150.00 to Sarah, and \$75.00 to the treasurer. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

The council reviewed three bids for a new tractor. The lowest bid coming from Jewell Implement for a Case IH Farmall 75A with a loader for \$47,128.55. Eldon said the skid loader attachments will fit on this tractor. He stated the tractor is on the lot and available now. He told the council he would like to sell the old tractor online through Gravel Roads. The clerk checked with the auditor. She feels we have the money to transfer and purchase the tractor from the Equipment Reserve fund. Dan made the motion to purchase the Case I-H tractor from Jewell Implement for \$47,128.55. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

There was some discussion on the Abram pickup accident. Landed made a motion to have the attorney draft a release to be signed by the Abram's and pay the Abram's \$1,429.64 for the repairs of the pickup. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Clerk's Report

There was some discussion on the collection of the fire hydrant damage bill still due from CB Trucking Company. The council unanimously felt it best to take them to court for collection of this bill.

Council Reports

The council commented on how well the steak cook-off went on Saturday.

With no other business, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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December 6, 2021

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Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 1, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounted to \$89,477.18, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric Coop, and city attorney bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

James Reed, Code Enforcement Officer, asked the council to review the letter he wrote and sent last month concerning a dog running at large. James said he has not received any new complaints on this matter. The council liked how the letter was written.

Trash Collection Resolution #21-5

Landen made a motion to approve Resolution #21-5, which approves the five-year residential trash collection agreement with Dunstan Waste Solutions, LLC. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Ordinance #741

Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #741 levying a 1% city retailers' sales tax to become effective April 1, 2022. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Council Members

Mayor Paxson thanked Larry Wheeler for his years of service as a council member and presented him with a certificate.

The Clerk took the following oaths: mayor - Sheila Paxson, council members – Lori Augustine and Angie Behymer. Lori and Angie took their seats at the council table.

CMB License

Landen made a motion to approve the on and off premises CMB Licenses for Austen Hamilton at Outdoor Memories. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 6:09pm Barry made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, and attorney present. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 6:24pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Wages

Landen made a motion to pay the following wages: Eldon \$20.00 per hour, Devon \$18.25 per hour, John Mosher to get 40 hours vacation in 2021, Jerri \$18.50 per hour, Rick \$9.25 per hour, the Treasurer to get \$160.00 per month, and lifeguards to start out at \$8.00 per

hour, with a .25 cent increase after a positive evaluation each year returning, up to \$9.00 per hour. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Angie abstained.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council the Bobcat tractor is for sale on the Gavel Roads website. He said it is currently at \$7,525.00 and there are still 14 days left on the auction. He said the John Deere mower is on the website as well. Eldon said so far, he has been impressed with the website and their representative.

Clerk's Report

The clerk transferred \$43,700.00 from the light fund into the equipment reserve fund to purchase the Case IH tractor. The remainder of the budgeted transfer - \$45,300.00, went into the general fund from the light fund.

The clerk asked for clarification on how to charge utilities on a location that was a business, but now a storage building. The council asked the attorney to review the ordinances and advise the clerk.

Council Reports

Angie said she really enjoyed the League's Dinner at Clay Center. She said they had a training session beforehand and she would like to attend their April training in Manhattan. The clerk was asked to get information on this training. Lori said she would like to attend the Manhattan training as well.

The council commented on how well the Christmas lighting with Santa went and how everyone is enjoying the lights.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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