

April 1, 2024

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 1, 2024, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Scott Smith, Kaetlin Hyman, Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$56,276.46, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, WorldPay, Kansas One-Call, and Mahin Insurance (EMC) bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Code Enforcement**

James reported a dog complaint last month that was taken care of. He has given the resident at 119 N. Marshall two weeks to get his property cleaned up or he will be going to court. James mentioned he is busy with his regular job and doesn't have time to keep letting folks drag their feet. The council asked him to look at a couple other issues around town.

Angie arrived at the meeting.

**First Impressions Program & Mural Program**

The council was pleased with the positive results from the First Impressions study. The results will be linked on the Glen Elder website tomorrow.

The council discussed the need for mural committee members, location and theme ideas for murals, as well as the funds still needed for murals in town. Kaetlin Hyman mentioned she would like to see an "I SPY" mural painted on the bathhouse wall in the pool and will visit with Hannah Bowers about the idea. She also likes the idea of putting up a free-standing mural in the grass just south of the swimming pool fence. The council liked the idea of several smaller murals around town. It was mentioned a mural could be painted on one or both of the booster station buildings up by the water tower, a Wizard of Oz theme was mentioned.

Mural fundraising was discussed. Now is the time to donate, with the city matching mural funds.

**Utility Rates**

The Clerk reported the gentleman with Kansas Rural Water Association will meet with her this week to go over the initial water and sewer rate study. The clerk is still waiting to hear from Kansas Municipal Energy Agency on the electrical rate study for the city.

**Water Conservation Plan**

Devon said he is still waiting for the gentleman from KRWA to come out and assist with updating Glen Elder's Water Conservation Plan.

## **Personnel Manual**

There was a brief discussion on the idea of paying sick leave upon retirement, with full KPERS retirement points. The clerk was asked to bring the State's retirement plan to the next meeting and the subject was tabled.

## **2025 Budget Ideas**

Informational signage as discussed in the First Impressions presentation was briefly mentioned. Continuing to budget yearly for street repairs was also mentioned. The council reviewed the Capital Improvement List.

Devon informed the council he visited with Stuart Porter about the waterline project, under Main Street. Stuart estimates the project will cost roughly \$500,000.00. Devon asked for approval to apply for a 20-year KDHE loan at 2.05%, since the city has been rejected on all of the grants applied for in the last year. He said he would like to get the lead jointed casts and lead goosenecks replaced all at once, tearing up the street one time. The clerk noted the current KDHE water well loan will be paid off in 2028 and the sewer loan will be paid off this September. Devon mentioned the loan application is due May 15, 2024. Angie made a motion to apply for the KDHE loan. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

## **Building Permits**

Kevin said building permit #24-6 for a new 30' approach with a rock drive and west fence for Tom Ford at 212 W. Kansas Street looked fine to him. Kevin made a motion to approve building permit #24-6 for Tom Ford. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. There was a lot of discussion on building permit #24-7 a new garage for Brian Kennedy. The council didn't feel comfortable approving this permit without the owner knowing where the property line is. The council tabled a decision on permit #24-7 until a survey has been done.

## **Employee Report**

Devon said they are changing out old poles and have been working on the old booster pump building. Devon mentioned he has not received any summer maintenance employee applications yet. The council approved summer help ads to be run on the radio in May, if needed.

## **Swimming Pool**

Kaetlin Hyman said she has four and a half guards; she is sharing one with Beloit. She mentioned like area towns, she is having a problem finding a WSI certified guard to teach group swimming lessons. Kaetlin mentioned she will get WSI certified in October, so she can teach lessons and teach other guards how to give lessons. She asked the council if an iPad could be purchased for the pool. She said the guards are having problems with the cash register and the time clock. Kaetlin would like to get a Square, or some kind of app, so debit and credit cards could be used at the pool. She would also like to use the iPad to send out emails to parents for pool announcements. The clerk will ask what other city's use at their swimming pools. The council gave permission to get an iPad or tablet and some sort of app or system, set-up for the summer.

## **Clerk's Report**

The clerk asked the council to review the March connect report.

The clerk asked if employees could have Aflac payments taken out of payroll. The council approved.

### **Council Report**

Angie said she never received the link for the NIMS training. Lori said she needs the link as well. The clerk will contact David Dohe about the matter.

Landen said he will contact David about the requirements for a storm shelter.

With no other business, Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk