

Glen Elder City Council Minutes February 1, 2016

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 1, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Kristie Ellenz, Garry Clark, Cody Thompson, Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 4th, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounting to \$67,674.21, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and Bobcat bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark asked for permission to purchase 13 new helmets. He said the helmets they have were purchased new in 1986 or 1987. He has two bids one at \$168.00 and the other at \$158.00 for each helmet. He added that the department is short seven pagers and would like to purchase a couple now at \$420.00 each. The council said his requests are well within his budget. Garry added that the green fire truck is 24 years old and the red one is 27 years old. He said he is not having any major problems with either truck at this time and just wanted to council to be aware of their age.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner said he will make visits of both Depew's yard and Frost's dog issue tomorrow. The council instructed him to proceed if the violations have not been taken care of.

Water Tower Agreement

The council reviewed the agreement with Schwab-Eaton, P.A., Consulting Engineers on the water tower project. Eldon asked if the council had a preference on tower color and about having a city emblem painted on the tower instead of just the town's name. The council asked to get bids with and without the emblem. Lindsey made a motion to approve the agreement between Schwab-Eaton and the City on the water tower project. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Public Restrooms

The Mayor asked for volunteers to form a public restroom project committee, to save time at council meetings. Sheila, Tracy and Ryan will be the committee.

Mowers

Eldon handed out bids for new Grasshopper mowers. He wants to purchase two new mowers with rear discharge, a 48" deck unit and a 52" deck unit. He said with government discounts Carrico Implement came in the cheapest at \$5,250.00 and \$5,450.00. Eldon said that he has the money in his equipment reserve fund. He added that he would like to get rid of the old John Deere 48" deck mower with a snow blower attachment and the old Country Clipper. Lindsey made a motion to approve the purchase of two new Grasshopper mowers from Carrico Implement. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Well Circuits

The council reviewed a letter from Cunningham Telephone and Cable stating that the old copper network to the water wells would be retired on July 1, 2016. Eldon said he can get radio units for the wells at a little over \$4,000.00 from Pierce Electronics. After some discussion, the council felt it best to get the conversion done in May, to ensure everything runs smoothly before the July cut-off date. Lindsey made a motion to approve the bid from Pierce if the bid remains the same closer to May. Tracy seconded the bid and the motion carried with three ayes.

Ordinance

Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #697 amending wages of select employees. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Building Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve building permit #16-3 a new garage for Jason Tonne at 213 N. Nash. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with a spreadsheet detailing the expenses and receipts on the old gas station. Demolition of the site came in under bid. Eldon handed the council a spreadsheet on the electricity cost for street lights the last couple years. All street lights, except the lights inside the square, are now energy efficient LED bulbs. He would like to replace the lights in the square as well, but wants to try out new LED bulb options.

Eldon informed the council that the Thompsons want to run a sewer line from our main 250 feet west into their field. He asked about selling the pipe to the Thompsons.

Eldon asked if he could hire Rick Gruwell as a seasonal employee from May 1st to September 30th. He would like to pay him \$8.50 per hour and would call him into work if extra help was needed. He said with hiring Rick, only one high school summer employee would be needed.

The council briefly discussed the KMU Mutual Aid Agreement received. They declined to sign the agreement as we are limited on manpower and equipment.

Eldon and the council discussed a request from a customer to split off his water line and electric meter from his house and the station. Eldon said after reading and following the ordinance passed in 2012, he came up with an estimate to do the project for \$1,714.06. It was noted that the part of the street will need to be blocked off for a minimum of three days for this project.

Clerk Report

The council and council briefly discussed a list of delinquent utility customers that have been turned into the State Set-off Program.

Council Report

Tracy received a request from Christine Winkel to put a small, portable, dog play pen in their yard and asked if a permit was needed. The council felt it would be okay unless it becomes a problem.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk