

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

March 2, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 2nd, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 2nd, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$34,823.96, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Rural Water Contract

Mayor Ryan Duskie informed the council that the new contract with Rural Water District #2 should be approved by their board this week at their monthly meeting. The council confirmed that the Clerk is already making the monthly payments as stated in the new contract.

Website

Greg German set up a sample website for Glen Elder at glenelder.weebly.com. Mayor Duskie asked the council to review the site with its new layout and format. He noted that we will be able to make small changes in-house and the final cost should be around \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. After a brief discussion, Tracy made a motion to approve Greg German to re-do our website. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris informed the council that there are a couple properties in town that need some cleaning up and hopes once the weather warms these will show improvement. The Mayor and council commented that they would prefer folks not to park in their front yards as it makes properties look bad.

Pool Manager

The council reviewed the resignation letter from pool co-manager Kylie Moore. Larry made a motion to hire Karen Miller as the pool manager. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Bucket Truck

Eldon gave the council four bucket truck options from a company in Texas, ranging in price from \$39,900.00 to \$49,900.00. The trucks in Texas have been gone through, inspected and tested. Eldon said they guarantee that the trucks are in working order. He said our current 1997 truck is having mechanical problems and have been looking for parts for three months now. Eldon feels our current truck is worth anywhere from \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and would have to sell it ourselves as the company does not want our truck as a trade-in. Eldon told the council he would like to send Devon Housh down to look at the trucks and pick out which would be best for the City of Glen Elder. Lindsey made a motion to send Devon to select a bucket truck for no more than \$50,000.00. The city will pay for his mileage and one night at a motel. Tracy seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare

The council reviewed the daycare reports and minutes. The Mayor mentioned that he encouraged the daycare to apply for a Mitchell County grant that they are eligible for.

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Sidewalk Project

The council discussed a CDBG grant that is available to redo sidewalks. Unfortunately the application deadline is next week and we would need to meet low to moderate income qualifications through a city-wide survey. The council wants to see if the grant will be extended or offered again next year.

Bad Check/Utility Payment Policy

The council and city attorney discussed updating the utility payment policy. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the new utility payment policy effective immediately. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried five ayes. The council asked the clerk to mail the new policy with the next utility bills to all current customers, post it on the front door, and have it put on the local cable channel.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tracy made a motion to approve resolution #15-4 adopting the North-Central Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit 2015#8 for Terry and Crystal Cunningham. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon expressed concern about the township's property that he has previously asked to be removed. The township grader and miscellaneous items are located south of American Ag and Auto on city property. The council asked Katie to send them a letter giving 30 days to move everything off of city property.

Eldon asked for permission to put in a new central furnace in the fire station. After some discussion the council decided to wait to purchase a new furnace.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that the city's KMEA board of director position #1 needs to be renewed. Barry made a motion to re-appoint Clerk Jerri Senger as the KMEA board of director #1 position. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The Clerk mentioned the employee health and dental insurance renewal premium rates.

The Clerk informed the council that on March 19th Kansas Power Pool will be hosting a meeting in Cawker City about electricity options.

The City received the 4th quarter bushel check from Farmway Coop in the amount of \$15,920.17.

Council Report

There was a discussion on the high truck traffic in town. Linda Riley sent a letter to the council addressing this issue. Councilmember Tracy Anderes received a phone call from a concerned citizen about truck traffic. It was noted that law enforcement has come into town and clocked traffic and found that residents drive faster on the streets than most of the semi-trucks, but we do not have full-time enforcement. Larry Wheeler advised the council to really try to find a solution to the issues that have arisen with the larger facility that Farmway has in town now.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk