

Glen Elder City Council Minutes
March 7, 2016

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 7, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Mike Frost and Daughter, Chuck Look, Erica Villarreal, Corey Linville, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 1st, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$57,888.42, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Public Comment

Mike Frost addressed the council he said he knows that two of his greyhounds have gotten out. He said these dogs are very important to him and his young daughter; they spend many hours together hunting with the greyhounds. He asked the council if it would be okay to go ahead with his plans to build four dog pens, with an additional fence surrounding those pens to catch any dog that may get out. The council asked a few questions about his building plans on the pens. There was also a discussion on the number of greyhounds he has. He was given permission to have three greyhounds plus his old dog Max, in January 2015. Mike said that Max is really old and not doing well and he needs four greyhounds to hunt with and that is what he has now. Mike said that he will come in tomorrow, get a building permit and he could have the pens built in a month. Tracy made a motion to okay a building permit for Mike Frost, upon Eldon's approval of the permit application, and to allow Mike to have the pens completed by April 4th. This motion allows Mike to have a total of four dogs. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mid-Kansas Electric

Erica Villarreal, Power Contracts Administrator with Sunflower Electric, presented the council with two proposals for power provided to the city. She said that our current contract with Mid-Kansas Electric has an outdated rate structure and is almost 30% less than their member wholesale rate. Both proposals are 15-year contracts. Option #1 provides a 2-year termination notice, as in our current agreement, with a gradual increase in rates up to the full wholesale member rate by the tenth year. Option #2 waives the 2-year termination notice and starts July 2016 with a sharp increase in rates to the ninth year, then a \$.003/kWh discount from the full wholesale member rate until the end of the contract. The council asked for numbers to be run for each proposal and felt it best to evaluate the options. Erica said that these two proposals are only good until the end of June 2016.

Public Restrooms

Sheila gave the council initial plans and information for a public restroom. She said they are thinking of a 14' by 24' building with two stalls in each bathroom. She mentioned the grant deadline is April 1st and the committee is meeting again tomorrow, March 8th, to discuss and work out more details for the project. It was mentioned that the Dane Hansen grant requires a 501(3)c, and the community club is discussing obtaining that and applying for the grant for this project.

Mowers

Eldon asked to sell the old mowers by sealed bids at the next meeting. The council approved the idea.

Swimming Pool

There was quite a bit of discussion on the pool manager, lifeguards, and wages of each as well as duties. Ken made a motion to give Trystan Schlaefli a \$1.00 raise per hour, as long as he keeps his WSI certification. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council felt it best to evaluate lifeguard wages the third year of their employment, with input from the manager. The council will finish the discussion on the pool manager, their wages and a job description at the April meeting.

Fire Place Ashes

Eldon informed the council that there are a couple individuals around town that are dumping ashes in back yards near wooden fences and in alleys to wash down gutters. He asked to contact Katie and see what can be done about the matter. Eldon stated that folks can dump the cold ashes into the city dump south of town. The council asked to have something put on the local TV channel.

KMEA Board

The council re-appointed Eldon as a KMEA board member representing the city for a two year term.

Building Permits

Eldon said that all the building permit applications looked okay. He said that Brent Cunningham is waiting for a survey and will stay five-feet off the property line. Barry made a motion to approve building permits: #16-5 moving a storage box for Dan Winkel at 100 W. Main, #16-6 a shed for Rodger Williams at 105 N. Hobart, #16-7 a shed with living quarters for Brent Cunningham at 313 N. Center, #16-8 a carport, swing set, and rock for Brent Emerson at 212 S. Vallette, #16-9 a fence for Bill Lomax at 320 N. Hobart, and #16-10 a 30' x 50' garage for Larry Thompson at 325 N. Hobart. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV permits: 2016#6 for Mike & Linda Riley, 2016#7 & #8 for Art & Pat Duerksen, 2016#9 for Eldon Behymer, and 2016#10 for John Cunningham. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Clerk Report

The Clerk informed the council the 4th quarter Bushel check for \$13,817.54 was received from Farmway Coop. She presented the council with a current copy of the Equipment Reserve Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund. The Mayor signed a proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month. She thanked the council for continuing with the grandfathered employee health insurance plan and will ask earlier next year to compare plans.

Council Report

The council asked the clerk to check into other companies for the insurance policy on the buildings and equipment.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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