

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
April 4, 2016**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 4, 2016 at City Hall, with Acting Mayor Sheila Paxson and council members: Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Gene Mick, Rich & Karen Miller, Tyron Gruwell, Tristen Winkel, Danny & Ashley Spaulding, Chad Hallack – KDNS, City Attorney Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 7th, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounting to \$37,620.76, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Beloit Ready Mix, and Wayne’s Sporting Goods bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Spaulding Dog Request

Ashley Spaulding asked the council for permission to keep their third dog. This two and a half year old dog named Cassie is a pit bull mix and she said that it is an emotional therapy dog for her husband Danny. She added that Cassie is a rescue dog and very small. The council reviewed the code provisions prohibiting pit bull dogs since 1987. Danny addressed the council and assured them that the dog would be kept inside or on a leash at all times. Ken made a motion to make an exception to our code section 2-401 and to require the Spauldings to follow the requirements of code section 2-402 for Cassie the pit bull owned by the Spauldings. These provisions include that the dog is to be kept inside and on a leash at all times when outdoors, and Spauldings must show the city proof of insurance as stated in code 2-402, among other requirements. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Lindsey made a motion to allow the Spauldings a third dog. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Farmway Coop Issue

Gene Mick addressed the council; he stated that before Farmway Coop put in the new train load-out they said that they would install state-of-the-art dust collection systems. He said that the cyclone dust collector just east of the grain dryer is a “very bad joke”. He listed off several days over the last month that this dust collector has been spewing dirt, broken grain and chaff. He said it is worse when they are loading out trains and even after today when the collection truck was emptied, stuff is fogging out. He said that he has visited with the elevator manager and he doesn’t have the time to take care of the problem. Code Officer Chris Wagner said he will visit with Gene after the meeting. Chris will then have a discussion with Farmway about this issue.

Sidewalk Project

The clerk said that contractor bids on the sidewalk project will be opened up on Wednesday, April 20th.

Mower Bids

Two bids were received for each mower. Tracy made a motion to accept Landen Cleveland’s bid of \$555.00 for the 2010 Country Clipper, and to reject all bids for the 2001 John Deere mower. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Frost’s Dogs & Herndon’s Garage

The attorney said since she had filed a complaint against Frost the jurisdiction was within the court system at that point. She asked that in the future the council not address the issue with the

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resident until the court had concluded its proceedings. She added that Mike failed to show up for court on March 9th and is scheduled to appear tomorrow morning at 9:30am for court. It was noted that a fence had not been built by Frost as promised in March.

The council discussed the dilapidated garage of Jim Herndon's, it has not been removed by the April 1st deadline and he failed to contact the code enforcement officer. The attorney will file a complaint and the matter will come to municipal court.

Court Costs & Code Enforcement

Attorney Schroeder informed the council that area towns have increased their court costs to \$100.00. She will draft an ordinance for next month's approval. Katie added that she will draft an ordinance to officially move council elections to the fall in odd years.

Chris Wagner reported that Thomas Depew did get his property cleaned up. He said that not much else is going on around town.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the new job descriptions drafted for the pool manager, head lifeguard, and life guards, as well as a revised lifeguard manual. Karen Miller asked about the senior and water walker rate. The council felt \$1.00 should be charged for the water walkers only that show up after 5:30 p.m. The council wants grandparents who bring kids to the pool to pay the regular rate of \$3.00 per day or a senior season pass at \$35.00. There was some discussion on opening the pool earlier than Memorial weekend this year, if the weather permits. Rich Miller asked if he could repaint the office, the rule sign, shower rooms, etc. the council loved the idea.

Executive Session

At 7:55 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the council, mayor, city clerk and Eldon present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 8:10 p.m. Sheila re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Pool Manager

Lindsey made a motion to pay the pool manager a salary of \$800.00 per month for May, June, and July, and \$400.00 for August, with the manager keeping track of his hours, working no more than 40 per week. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Tracy made a motion to pay Karen Miller \$8.00 per hour if she accepts the head lifeguard position. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

Eldon said that all the building permit applications looked okay. Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #16-12 a fence for Eldon Behymer at Heritage High Apartments, #16-13 a deck for Jack & Cindy Clausen at 102 N. Marshall, #16-15 a car port for Danny Spaulding at 416 E. Allen, #16-16 an addition to a garage for John Senger at 216 N. Nash, #16-17 move in a shed for Megan Duskie at 204 E. Main, #16-18 erect a metal storage shed for Cal Swickard at 200 W. Allen, #16-19 erect a shed on a patio for Georgia Putman at 105 S. Hobart. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

A retaining wall is needed for Brent Cunningham's shed, permit #16-7 approved last month, to help with the shed's runoff. A variance is needed as the wall will be closer than five feet from the property line. Lindsey made a motion to approve a variance for Brent Cunningham to put up a retaining wall closer than five feet from the property line, as long as Darrel Parker signs off on it. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

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ATV Permits

Barry made a motion to approve ATV permits: 2016#11 for Brent Emerson, 2016#12 for Danny & Ashley Spaulding. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he needs to put rock on the cemetery road. He said he found some white rock, not limestone, which he can get for \$31.00 per ton. The council approved the project.

Clerk Report

The Clerk reminded the council that the Library is having an open house tomorrow night and will be highlighting the kid's robotic projects as well as items purchased through grants. She informed the council that she did check with a local insurance agent about the city's liability policy. He informed her that the company we have insurance with now, EMC, is the best and the only change that could be made is a different agent. The clerk informed the council that a resident requested new electric meter service about a month ago and has not yet paid the bill. The council instructed the clerk to charge a 10% late fee after the 10th of the month for services due over 30-days, just like all others in town.

Council Report

Tracy said the Community Club would like to thank the city crew for all the work and help with the Easter Egg hunt.

With no other business Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk