

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
June 6, 2016**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 6, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, and Ken Kusler. Also in attendance: Erica Villarreal, Mark Chesney, Larry Holloway, Carl Myers, Larry Hiserote, Bill Lomax, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 2nd, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounting to \$53,659.69 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill, Schwab-Eaton sidewalk grant bill, and the school building purchase for \$18,211.50 were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Public Comments

Larry Hiserote asked if his building was sufficient since he now has the windows closed up. Chris Wagner asked about the loose bricks on the top edge of the roof. Larry said that bricks have not fallen off the building in many years. Chris asked him to check out the bricks before the next meeting as they look to him as being a potential hazard.

Bill Lomax asked about the alley behind his house. He said that water used to drain to the east and no longer does, now the water sets in his yard. He added the alley is so busy that it is used like a street and asked that it be maintained as a street. He mentioned that he would like to put up a fence in his back yard but is waiting for the drainage issue to be resolved. If it is not resolved he will need to haul in dirt. The council said that they will check into the situation.

Electrical Suppliers

Erica Villarreal, Sunflower Electric representative, presented the council with a power supply term sheet. She stated that option #1 previously presented to the City is the best proposal with gradual rate increases to their wholesale member rate. Erica mentioned again that the rate we pay for power is significantly lower than other members. She added that the proposal is only valid until the end of June. Both proposals have a 15-year term.

Mark Chesney, Kansas Power Pool CEO, presented the council with a detailed proposal. KPP is a not-for-profit municipal energy agency that provides power to 24 member cities. He said that KPP is offering the City an opportunity to create and own equity in generating resources. He stated that their agreement proposal has a 14-year term. He also said as a member it would eliminate some of the administrative fees we now pay. For example \$9,000.00 in annual WAPA allocation fees we pay plus dues to Kansas Municipal Utilities. Mark added that their current proposal is valid until July 6, 2016.

The council set a special meeting for Monday, June 13 at 7:00 pm to further discuss and make a decision about electrical power suppliers.

Code Enforcement

Chris informed the council that a step was missed with serving Jim Herndon on his garage, so the process is starting over. He said there is nothing new on the dust system at Coop, but is hoping after harvest progress will be made. He had a couple complaints on grass/weeds that have been taken care of and Frost's dogs are gone. It was mentioned that sending certified letters "e-certified" is a little cheaper. It was noted that all complaints, questions, or upset residents need to talk directly to Chris about code matters.

Fireworks Sale License

Ken made a motion to approve a fireworks sale license to Shauna Remus. Her stand will be located at 345 N. Hobart this year, a new location. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Charter Ordinance #9

Attorney Schroeder informed the council that a special meeting will be needed the second Monday in January for new council members to take office, following odd election years. She added that annual appointments will be made in February each year instead of May and potential council candidates will need to file with the county and pay a fee of \$20.00. Lindsey made a motion to approve charter ordinance #9 – changing council elections to November. Ken seconded the motion, Sheila, Lindsey, Ryan and Ken all voting aye.

Library Board

Ken made a motion to approve appointments of Andrea Weidenhaft and Cindy Clausen to the library board. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Sidewalk Project

Eldon asked for a contract that folks can sign protecting the city from responsibility of any damage made to retaining walls during the new sidewalk project, or the resident can opt out of the project. Katie will draft something. She needs names, property locations and mailing addresses.

Public Restrooms

Sheila informed the council that the community club has committed \$4,000.00 to the public restroom project. She said they will start fundraisers for the project, a breakfast and poker run on Fun Day to name a couple. She said that the community club will not be filing for a 501c3 status.

Employee Drug & Alcohol Testing

The clerk informed the council that the insurance company requires new hire and post-accident testing to be done. It was noted that Beloit hires employees contingent on their passing the test. The council liked that idea. Katie will draft some changes to the personnel policy.

Building Permits

Eldon informed the council that Mr. Petersen wants an electric pole moved so he can put in his car port. He added that if the pole is removed the street light it feeds will have to be removed. He will check with Cunningham about their need for the pole. Ken made a motion to approve building permit #16-22 - two car ports for Wendell Petersen at 413 W. First Street. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Building permit #16-4 for Garry Clark was tabled until next month.

ATV Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve ATV permits: 2016#16 for Linda Ptacnik. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Full-Time Employee

The council discussed wages and benefits with regard to hiring a new full-time maintenance employee. Ken made a motion to advertise for a full-time maintenance employee at a pay range of \$12.00 to \$14.00 per hour depending on experience. He added to take applications until the position is filled. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

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Water Tower

Ryan informed the council that he met with Stuart Porter and it is imperative that the council move forward on the water tower project so it can be complete before winter sets in. Ryan said that he feels strongly that we need a mixer valve or agitator to keep the water in the tower from getting stagnant. He said an agitator will cost \$10,000.00 to 15,000.00. He added that recoating the tower will cost around \$70,000.00 to \$85,000.00, and he feels the total project with agitator will come in under the projected cost. There was a discussion on the lettering and type of logo the council wanted on the tower. Sheila made a motion to move forward on the tower project, with the agitator and the smaller GE logo. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Clerk Report

The clerk mentioned the changes the county is proposing to the trash pickup, and Dunstan is trying to keep their current contract with the county. She informed the council of the \$3,487.58 dividend check received from EMC Insurance Companies. The council briefly discussed the delinquent accounts sent in to the Kansas State Set-off. The City received a 1st Quarter bushel check from Farmway Coop for \$11,560.82. The Clerk asked about the school building check and the sidewalk project payments, which will both be taken out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

Council Report

Ken reported that he had someone concerned about the condition of the cemetery road on Memorial weekend. Eldon said that he plans to put more of the new rock on the road in the future.

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 9:40 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk