

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
July 5, 2016**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., July 5, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Michelle Huddle, Mike Becker, Tyler Jensen and wife, Larry Hiserote, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 6 & 13, 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 June amounting to \$56,267.31 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Third Dog Request

Tyler Jensen asked the council for permission to have three dogs. He said they are all neutered and small dogs that are kept in a fenced area when outside. Tracy made a motion to allow Tyler Jensen to have three dogs. It was noted if complaints are received permission will be re-evaluated. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

2015 Audit Report & 2017 Budget Discussion

Michelle Huddle, CPA with Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, LLC presented the council with the 2015 Annual Audit Report. Michelle went over the communication letter as well as the financial schedules in the report. This audit report will be sent into the state.

Michelle informed the council of the state's new property tax lid for 2018 and went over the 2017 budget with the council. Our assessed valuation decreased for 2017, which means less tax money will be received. She asked the council to consider increasing the mill levy for 2017 as any increase starting 2018 will go to a public vote and will be costly for the city. The council reviewed the mill levy information sheets she put together. Michelle added that an increase of three or more mills requires passing a resolution. There was a lengthy discussion on the budget and financial state of the City. The council was split on being pro-active and increasing the mill levy or just leaving the levy as is. Tracy made a motion to increase the mill levy by two mills. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Barry voted no. The public hearing for the 2017 budget will be held at the next regular council meeting on August 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Land Purchase

Mike Becker wants to purchase the land owned by the city south of his current property. Mike presented the council with an offer of \$5,000.00 and stated that he would pay all expenses of the transaction and any expenses associated with preparing the property for development. The request will be discussed at the August council meeting.

Code Enforcement

Larry Hiserote informed the council that he now has all the loose bricks fixed on the top edge of his roof. He has a few more repairs before completing the project and will then clean up the sidewalk. The council asked him to have it finished and cleaned up by Fun Day, July 23.

Chris informed the council that he visited with Jeff Holling at Farmway Coop and they will be accepting bids on the new dust collection system within the next couple weeks. Chris said Jim Herndon is in the process of putting a new roof on his garage.

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Employee Policy Manual Resolutions

Ken made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-2 adopting a policy of pre-employment and post-accident alcohol and drug testing and Resolution 2016-3 changing employee residency requirement to a 15 minute legal drive, for everyone besides the City Superintendent, City Clerk, and City Treasurer. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

Eldon informed the council that he would like Lindsey to sign off on the building permit for Scott Jordan. He said that all the other permits look okay. Barry made a motion to approve building permits: #16-4 a new house and garage for Garry Clark in the Thompson Addition, #16-20 a new fence for Jason Rosebaugh at 101 S. Hobart, #16-21 a canopy over fuel tanks for S&K Fuels at 617 N. Center, #16-23 a new fence for Tyler Jensen at 112 N. Vallette, #16-25 a new house for Landen Cleveland at 308 N. College Street, and upon approval from Lindsey Clark permit #16-24 move in a new mobile home and deck for Scott Jordan at 112 N. Eberle Street. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Full-Time Maintenance Employee

The council reviewed the applications and resumes received for the full-time maintenance employee.

Public Restrooms

The council discussed applying for a grant to build the public restrooms. The council would like to have Nichole McDaniel attend the August meeting to get the grant application started.

Sidewalk Project

Eldon informed the council that the sidewalk project is about three weeks behind schedule.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that Landen Cleveland wants to put his sewer line in our existing street easement from his new house to the sewer main east under Second Street. Katie will be contacted about this matter.

Clerk Report

The clerk mentioned that there really is no new news concerning trash collection for next year.

Council Report

Tracy reminded everyone that the Annual Fun Day will be held Saturday, July 23rd. Sheila is working on a letter to send businesses concerning donations for the public restrooms.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk