

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
August 1, 2016**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 1, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Nichole McDaniel, Chad Hallack – KDNS, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 5, 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 July amounting to \$47,743.52 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.

Budget Hearing

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2017 budget. With no one present to comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Ken made a motion to approve the 2017 budget as written. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Land Purchase

Attorney Katie Schroeder will check into a legal description on the land Mike Becker is interested in purchasing. The council discussed selling him the entire lot to his south, filling in the remainder of the hole within a year. There was a question on who would be paying for title insurance and closing costs, Eldon will visit with Mike about this. The council tabled any decisions on the land purchase.

Public Restroom

Nichole McDaniel, North Central Regional Planning Commission Representative, informed the council that CDBG is allowing grants to be written for public restroom facilities this year. She said the grant application deadline is November 1st and they are awarding up to \$30,000.00 per project. She added that we can use the LMI surveys that were done with the sidewalk grant and local match must be 25% of the project cost. Nichole said we would have to hire an engineer/architect for the project. The council discussed the option of purchasing a pre-cast restroom for the project. Sheila mentioned that the Community Club has raised approximately \$11-12,000.00 for the project and they just applied for a \$5,000.00 Solomon Valley Grant.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner, Code Enforcement Officer, reported that everything around town looks good except for around the new sidewalks. He mentioned that Tracy Smith has car parts he needs to move in his yard. The council discussed sending letters to two more property owners on garages that need attention – Russell and Hicks.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit #2016-17 for Jason Tonne. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. Barry made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the council, mayor, and Attorney present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

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At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Full-Time Maintenance Employee

Tracy made a motion to hire Garry Clark as a full-time maintenance employee. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve building permit #16-26 - a new car port for Paul Hill at WWZ West RV Park, 300 N. Center. Eldon noted that Larry Wheeler approved of Mr. Hill building this on his property. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Ordinance

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinance #699 vacating utility easement for the storm siren on the hill. It was mentioned that the storm siren has been moved onto city right-of-way, north of its previous location. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Sidewalk Project

Eldon informed the council that the sidewalk crew has been told to start back filling now! The contractor had originally planned to wait for all sidewalks to be poured before they started back filling. The project is still behind schedule, but they are bringing in another crew and will start pouring twice a week. There was a brief discussion on the mess they make on the streets and a few other concerns.

Water Tower Project

Mayor Duskie showed the council the bids for the water tower project. Central Tank Coatings, Inc. came in with the low bid at \$109,000.00 – which includes alternate #1 the additional tank logo. There was some discussion on paint to be used for the logo; it will cost \$400.00 per gallon for Hydroflon, a higher quality paint. Ryan mentioned we should get 20 years out of this paint and repair job on our water tank. Ken made a motion to accept Central Tank Coatings, Inc. bid for the tower project to include alternate #1 and the higher quality paint to be used. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon asked about the easement for Landen Cleveland's sewer line. Katie said she needs a description. Eldon said the state park is giving the city 24 picnic table frames. He added that it will cost the city approximately \$1,400.00 to buy the boards needed to build the tables. Eldon plans to store the completed tables in a covered area to extend their life. Eldon said he has someone that wants to purchase the crow's nest from the old school property and he will try to sell the scoreboard. Eldon informed the council the pool needs some major repairs. He will have McKee come inspect the pool and get a list of repairs needed and costs.

Council Report

Tracy asked to have Tyler Jensen appointed as a new fireman. The council approved that appointment. Tracy thanked the city crew for the help on Fun Day.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk