

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

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 6, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Gene Mick, Bill Lomax, Mike Becker, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

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

The claims on hand for the month of July amounting to \$47,763.74 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

**Citizens' Concerns**

Bill Lomax asked the council when something would be done with the alley behind his house. The Mayor said the city may have to hire someone to recommend a solution for the drainage problem. The Mayor added that the alley is much too long, with insufficient slope, and some building permits from the past should not have been approved. Mr. Lomax said the alley is now a swamp with mosquitoes. He mentioned since it is such a soft muddy mess, traffic has not been as heavy down the alley – that is positive. The Mayor said the city would do the best they can to get the alley draining again to the east and north.

Gene Mick said Sunday's train was not a problem, but Friday's train was a very big problem with chaff in the air. He said he mowed his yard Friday and had to wear a dust mask. He said the chaff was so thick he had to periodically stop to clean off his mask. He presented the council with pictures of the chaff laying on the ground. Mr. Mick said he has contacted the elevator manager several times and that doesn't seem to help. Chris Wagner suggested Gene call Jeff Holling and report the problem when it happens. Chris reported that Jeff Holling informed him the new filter system is to be installed in ten to twelve weeks.

**Land Purchase**

Mike Becker told the council he would like to purchase the south portion of tract A for the same amount he paid for his current property, \$5,000.00. He and the council agreed to split the closing costs and insurance. He said that he would like to begin ground cleanup and would allow the city access to the property. Barry approved the sale of the south portion of tract A to Mike Becker for \$5,000.00, plus 50/50 of the closing costs and insurance, with the city having access for 24 months on the property. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Katie will draw up the contract, and Mike gave the clerk a check for \$5,000.00.

**Code Enforcement**

The council asked Chris Wagner to call Jeff Holling on the Farmway dust issue. It was suggested the dust filters be checked daily and cleaned often. Chris said he took care of a pickup and trailer parked on the street and everyone is keeping their grass mowed. A council member asked him to visit with Kyle Thompson about cleaning up around his garage.

**Ordinance**

Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #700 adopting the 2016 Kansas Standard Traffic Ordinances and Ordinance #701 adopting the 2016 Kansas Uniform Public Offense Codes. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Sidewalk Project**

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Eldon informed the council that the sidewalk project is extremely slow and behind schedule. It was noted that the project deadline of October 20, 2016 is fast approaching.

### **Grade School Building**

Eldon informed the council Kansas Gas Service wants to install a smaller gas meter and move it up to the school building. The council felt this would be fine as long as the gas company will be paying for the change and move of the meter. The council discussed selling the school building with sealed bids. Selling the building only and leaving access to the baseball field was discussed.

### **Water Tower Project**

The water tower crew has been wonderful; they work weekends, holidays, and the project is almost complete. It was noted that Stuart Porter from Schwab Eaton said our water tower is in excellent condition. Eldon and the council discussed how well the frequency drive has worked allowing the tower to be empty while the town is supplied water directly from the wells. Eldon mentioned that the city crew will be installing new LED Christmas lights on the water tower.

### **Employee Report**

Eldon will visit with Landen Cleveland about his sewer line.

### **Clerk Report**

The Clerk informed the council that \$1,000.00 was transferred to the swimming pool fund from the electric fund, for payroll and other expenses. Pool reports will be given next month. The council reviewed the Capital Improvement Fund and the clerk mentioned that some of the water tower project will need to be taken out of the water fund. The Clerk reported that she went to a clerk's training in Hays and asked permission to attend a KMAAG meeting in McPherson on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The council approved the meeting. The council and clerk discussed other options for employee health insurance, in the end the council felt it best to visit with Blue Cross/Blue Shield after the first of the year. The clerk informed the council that the Municipal Judge will be moving to Ellsworth. The council was fine with this. The clerk reported receiving a bushel check from Farmway Coop for \$14,567.49. The clerk asked what the new employee will be making for wages. The council said to pay him \$14.00 per hour for the month of September. Next month the council will pass a new ordinance for his future wages and make changes to his vacation time.

### **Council Report**

Lindsey Clark resigned from her council position as of August 17, 2016. Her term is due to expire January 2018. The Annual Chili Cook-off will be Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sheila reported that the public restroom fund now has \$20,000.00. She said they received \$8,000.00 from the Solomon Valley Grant.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk