

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
October 3, 2016**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 3, 2016 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Larry Wheeler, Rich Miller, Tyler & Terri Dunstan, Chad Hallack - KDNS, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the September 6, 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 September amounting to \$43,630.38 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Attorney, Boettcher Supply, Beloit Ready-Mix and Farmway Coop bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

**Council Appointment**

Mayor Duskie appointed Larry Wheeler to fill the open council position. Tracy made a motion to approve Larry Wheeler in the council position until the term expires in January 2018. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Larry took the official oath of office and then took his seat at the council table.

**Pool Report**

Pool Manager Rich Miller reported on the pool figures from the 2016 season. Attendance was up 448 patrons from the previous season, concession made a profit of \$1,408.84, and even though the pool always loses money the loss is \$1,944.13 less than the previous year. They held three late night swims and attendance was up in the Red Cross lessons. He informed the council of improvements made to the pool this year; new paint in the office and showers, and the signs made by Gregg Snyder. Rich mentioned that they received several compliments on the cleanliness of the pool. He said that family passes were a hotly contested issue, as folks wanted to bend the written guidelines for the passes. He stated that our family pass price is far cheaper than other pools in the area. Rich said he has a couple concerns with the chlorinator and filtration system. He added that next spring we need to recruit a few new guards as he has two that will not be returning. He suggested the council look at increasing guard wages. The council asked to have the swimming pool put on the agenda after the first of the year.

**Trash Collection Service**

Tyler Dunstan addressed the council explaining the situation with trash hauling beginning January 2017. The county is getting out of their contract and will no longer be collecting trash service fees as of January 1, 2017. It will be up to each individual City to obtain a trash collection service. Tyler said the county will be increasing landfill/transfer station fees to \$70.00 per ton. He said Dunstan Trucking LLC has come up with a tentative proposal of \$18.60 per household/month and an additional option for the recyclers of \$21.70. He said they would provide recyclers with two dumpsters, one for trash and the other for recyclables. He mentioned the tentative idea is to pick up weekly, collecting trash every other week with recyclables every other week. It was expressed that recycling is important to the council, and it was noted that Dunstan is the only hauler that offers recycling at this time.

**Public Restroom Project**

Mayor Duskie explained that the city backed out of the grant application process, as it was going to increase the cost of the new restroom facility by a rather large amount. He said with the

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required engineer fees and state specifications for a building purchased with grant funds were too much. He said it will be cheaper in the long run to do the project ourselves. Sheila said the bathroom fund currently has \$21,784.08 in it. There was some discussion on another location for the restroom. Some are concerned locating it south of the playground would be dangerous for kids to cross Kansas Street, with its high volume of truck traffic.

### **Code Enforcement**

Chris Wagner said he hopes to have an update on the elevator dust system at the November meeting. He mentioned that the garage on Mill previously discussed has plans to be repaired in the spring. He said he has a couple other small issues that he is visiting with property owners about.

### **Building Permit**

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #16-29 to erect a privacy fence for Brandon Lindsay at 106 N. Marshall Street. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Ordinance**

Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #702 amending the salary for maintenance employee, Garry Clark, to \$15.50 per hour beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **CPA Agreement**

The council reviewed the proposal from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC to prepare the annual audits and budgets for 2016, 2017, and 2018. Barry made a motion to sign the contract with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd hiring them to do the annual audits and budgets for the city. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Vacation Time**

The council discussed vacation time for Garry Clark. Ken made a motion to allow Garry one week or five days vacation this year, and two weeks or ten days after January 1, 2017. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Utility Rates**

The council tabled any discussion on utility rates.

### **Sidewalk Project**

The council reviewed the request from Abat Lerew for a change order on contract time and contract price due to rain days, additional sidewalk, driveways, and inlet at Marshall and Allen. Eldon mentioned that there are parts of sidewalks that have been torn out for two months on the east part of town and it was noted that there have been several nice weather days when the crew was not here to work. Larry made a motion to allow them a 30 calendar day extension. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes and Ken abstained.

### **Grade School Building**

Eldon said Kansas Gas Service changed their gas meter and the playground equipment sold for \$450.00. He also mentioned that some kids tried to break into the school building on Saturday. The council felt it best to winterize the building. Ken made a motion to sell the school building by sealed bid, with the city having the right to reject any or all bids. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Katie suggested we come up with a map showing exactly what is up for bid since it will basically be just the school building.

### **Clerk Report**

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The Clerk informed the council that \$25,000.00 of the water tower painting bill was paid out of the Water Fund. The council reviewed the capital improvement fund and noted the expenses yet to come out of that fund.

**Council Report**

Tracy thanked the city crew for the help with the annual chili cook-off. Tracy made a motion to negotiate a contract with Dunstan Trucking, LLC to provide trash collection services. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five 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