

November 2, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 5th & 13th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Ken made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$52,771.40, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kansas One-Call, Farmway Coop and Boettcher Supply bills, were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council that he mailed letters to both property owners about their dilapidated garages. He said the back porch is off at Larry Hiserote's and his yard is fine until spring. The attorney asked the clerk to contact the Judge and Mr. Hiserote informing them there is no need for the November 10th court date. The council discussed Joe Smith's property; right now it looks fine but they intend to stay on top of the matter.

School Property

Katie suggested a property survey to be done with costs split, prior to approval of the real estate agreement for the school property. The council is concerned and wants the building to remain heated to maintain the integrity of the gym floor and plumbing. Lindsey made a motion to request a survey of the school property done, splitting the cost with the school district, to be included in the contract with the school district. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Rominger Property

Katie said the deed and partial release of mortgage has been prepared, and all that remains is getting signatures. The clerk will contact Dennis Rominger.

Utility Rate Ordinances

Tracy made a motion to approve the following Ordinances: #693 setting new water rates, #694 setting new electric rates and #695 new reconnect fee, all as discussed last month. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Daycare

Mayor Duskie said that he received a phone call from a daycare board member asking if the council would be receptive to an agreement with an individual that would like to lease-purchase the daycare. There was some discussion on the topic and it was the consensus of the council that they want a daycare to stay in the building for several years. The attorney said she will need to visit with the individual and plans would need to be made quickly as the end of the year is fast approaching.

Annual Fireman's Meal

Sheila made a motion to approve spending \$12 to \$14 per fireman for the annual fireman's meal. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Tracy abstained.

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Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the mayor and council present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:35 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Lindsey made a motion to give the following Christmas bonuses: full-time employees \$400.00, the office assistant \$200.00 and the treasurer \$55.00; less withholdings. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve the building permit for a sidewalk behind the H20 Church, at 120 Market Street. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Ken abstained.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that they tested rear-discharge Grasshopper mowers and they really liked them. He said he can get a 48" deck model for \$6,206.00 and a 52" deck model for \$6,347.00. He mentioned that these prices will remain the same until after the first of the year. He did say that he will check with All-Seasons and see what kind of deals he can get with them. He added that they will be getting rid of the Country Clipper mower and a tractor mower.

Eldon asked the council for approval to purchase a locator. He presented the council with a brochure on a Stick V-3 unit, he can purchase for under \$1,000.00. He said the purchase would come out of his equipment reserve fund. Ken made a motion to approve the purchase of the Stick V-3 locator. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Council Report

Lindsey asked for approval of Cody Richards as a new fireman. The council appointed Cody as a new fireman. The council briefly discussed the fact that our fire department is low on the number of firemen.

Katie informed the council that since our council elections are already on odd years the new election changes will not be as rough of a transition. At this point elections will be held in November 2017 and our new council members will begin their terms in January 2018.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger,
City Clerk