

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
November 7, 2016**

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

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the October 3, 2016 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$59,965.70 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

**Trash Collection Service**

Jamie Hiserote presented the council with a trash collection proposal of \$11.90 per resident per month. He recommends we get correct weights for our residential trash, he feels Dunstan has proposed charging us too much and estimating too many pounds. He said the county is increasing the landfill fee to \$70.00 per ton next year, and feels haulers should not make money on that fee, but rather on their collection fees. Jamie informed the council that he would periodically pick up Glen Elder residential trash exclusively and turn-in weight tickets. Jamie said they do not pick up recycling and don't have the resources to offer recycling at this time. Before leaving Jamie informed the council that haulers are not allowed to pick up large items.

It was noted that the city adds .17 cents per customer, per month for burn site maintenance. Dunstan has proposed \$18.60 per month per customer, making the regular customer trash fee \$18.77 and recycling customers getting a reduced trash rate. Barry made a motion to go with Hiserote's proposal of \$11.90 plus .17 cents for the burn site. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Tracy and Larry voted against the motion.

**Code Enforcement**

Chris Wagner read a text from Jeff Holling concerning installation of the new dust system at the elevator. He said that contractors should be on-site the second week of December.

**Trash Collection Service**

The council was divided about last month's decision and the motion that had just been passed. After more discussion on the matter, Larry made a motion to retract the motion to go with Hiserote's proposal, and honor last month's motion to contract with Dunstan. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Sheila and Barry voted against this motion.

Katie asked for feedback on the contract drafted for Dunstan to collect residential trash service; specifically containers, recycling fee, and the collection day. The Mayor wants to have the contractor weigh just residential trash, one week each month for the first year and the city to get weight tickets. Katie mentioned that the city codes and fee schedule will need to be updated. The council is concerned about collection containers. The council feels containers should belong to the contractor not residents, and not billed through the city.

**Swimming Pool**

Eldon informed the council that he is looking into a new salt system for the swimming pool instead of a chlorination system. He said a new salt system would cost just under \$4,000.00, but maintaining the system will be less expensive in the long run. He said the existing chlorination system uses 50 pound buckets of chlorine at a cost \$150.00 each and the pool uses

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twelve buckets per year. He added that the filtration system needs to be replaced. Eldon said that he has visited with McKee's and they would help install the new salt system. He would like a decision from the council in February or March. Eldon informed the council that they may spend \$7,000 to \$8,000.00 to get the pool system repaired or replaced, and will get more information and prices.

### **Wayne's Contract**

The council feels it is time to review and update the rental contract with Wayne Ronnebaum.

### **Building Permit**

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #16-31 for a new fence, patio, and sidewalk for Scott Jordan at 112 N. Eberle. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Fireman's Meal**

Sheila made a motion to pay \$14.00 per plate for the annual fireman's meal and give service pins. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes, Tracy abstained from the vote.

### **Executive Session**

At 8:10 p.m. Tracy made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for twenty minutes, with the mayor, council, and attorney present. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:30 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

### **Employee Christmas Bonus**

Tracy made a motion to give full-time employees a \$600.00 bonus, Garry a pro-rated bonus of \$200.00, the office assistant \$275.00 and the treasurer \$75.00 bonuses – all less withholdings. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Utility Rates**

After some discussion the council chose not to make any changes to utility rates at this time. However want to re-visit the subject in six months.

### **Sidewalk Project**

Eldon informed the council that the corner at Marshall and Allen Streets is still a problem for the sidewalk contractors. He said the rest of the project is now moving along better. He mentioned that there is still \$26,000.00 left in the project and he is looking for another 800 feet of sidewalks to replace.

### **Grade School Building**

Eldon said he has shown the school building to several folks, but no sealed bids have been received at City Hall. He has also looking into getting prices on a crusher.

### **Clerk Report**

Tracy volunteered to be the council representative for the drug testing company, TMHC.

### **Council Report**

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Sheila stated that the community bathroom fund has just over \$24,000.00 in it. She added that donations made in the month of November will be matched by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

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 9:00 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk