

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

December 01, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 1st, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 3rd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$43,377.27, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and other bills were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

City Attorney

Ms. Kueker declined the city attorney position. The council asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Gregory, to find out if he would be interested in the position. Mayor Duskie informed the council that Katie Cheney is willing to help the city until we can find a new attorney, she will not be able to attend meetings however.

City Codification

Lindsey made a motion to approve ordinance #685 adopting the codification of ordinances of the City. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that the Eberle sidewalk looks fine and he visited with Depew and Smith several times last month. Chris said he will keep visiting with the two property owners.

Cameras

Eldon reported that he has no bids to present to the council for new cameras. He visited with File Safe and Chad Carter. Eldon estimated it would cost \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to replace all the cameras. The council decided not to get new cameras at this time.

Rural Water Contract

Mayor Duskie and the council discussed the two new 10-year water supply contract options with Rural Water District #2. Ryan said that exercising the valves is exempt and included in the options. He asked the council which option they prefer as he will be taking that contract to the RWD board meeting on Thursday evening. Eldon added that we have our two smaller wells turned down and not pumping what they are capable of. We have not used rural water since our new wells were turned on in 2007. Larry made a motion to approve the contract with water delivery of 70 gallons per minute, or 200,000 gallons per day, and monthly fee of \$500.00 and \$1,950.00 per month when water is provided to the City. The vote carried with three ayes, Barry voted no and Lindsey abstained.

Wells

Eldon informed the council that Tim Porter has been told that there is a vein of water on his property. If the water is good enough to be used by the city, Tim doesn't have a problem with a blending building put on his property. In exchange he would like to have water for his lawn and garden. Eldon stated that a test drill will cost around \$1,500.00 and Tim said he would split the cost. Eldon said that he would hire Peterson Irrigation to do test drilling. Eldon added that there is a landowner east of the City that is willing to let us drill on their property as well. Barry made a motion to do the test drilling west of Tim Porter's house. Larry seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

CMB License

Barry made a motion to approve cereal malt beverage licenses to Wayne's Sporting Goods. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for twenty minutes. She called the council and mayor into the executive session. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Daycare

There were no Daycare reports for the last month. It was noted that this is the second month in a row without reports.

Wage Review

Lindsey made a motion to give Eldon, Jerri, and Daniel .20¢ per hour raise, with everything else staying the same. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he had a request from a resident to remove the "Second Street" signs between Nash and Vallette Streets. The council gave him permission to take down the signs. It was mentioned that since this is an alley and not a street it will no longer be oiled and chatted.

Eldon went over the \$10,475.47 bid from Prairie Land Electric to switch out the both poles on West First Street. He informed the council that Prairie Land will do the job while the lines are hot. Eldon said the poles are in bad shape and they need to be replaced. Larry made a motion to have Prairie Land replace both poles. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council wants farmers to be aware that large trucks and farm equipment should stay on the truck route only!

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that the Governmental Accounting Software is being re-done and will cost a little extra. She also brought to the council's attention that the State Set-off Collection process will cost 5% more. The council reviewed the letter received from Farmway Coop along with the \$12,547.13 bushel money and asked the Clerk to put the money into the Capital Improvement Fund. The Clerk informed the council that \$20,000.00 was transferred from the Light Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses. Days off around Christmas were discussed. The council felt it would be fine to close half the day on Christmas Eve.

Council Report

Tracy asked if plaques could be put up by the displays in the park stating who donated the displays. Eldon mentioned that there was a wooden plaque that had all the names on it. He said in the past it was displayed in the Neff Sign, on the west side of the square.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk