

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
April 3, 2017**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 3, 2017 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Denise Jackson, Garry Clark, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounting to \$44,565.87 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kansas One-Call, Attorney, and Beloit Ready-Mill bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Public Restroom Project

The council reviewed the new public restroom bid from Senger Construction for \$62,283.28. It was noted that the fixtures were changed from stainless steel. Senger Construction and Abram Ready Mix will be donating the concrete for the project. The city will do the site prep, electrical work, and interior finishing. It was estimated the city will have to pay approximately \$14,000.00 to \$18,000.00 to complete the project. Kenneth and Roberta Kusler have donated the west 25 feet of their lot for the restroom. Sheila made a motion to accept the bid from Senger Construction for the project and the agreement with Kuslers for the land transfer. Tracy seconded the bid and the motion passed with four ayes.

Housing Board

Tracy made a motion to appoint Perry and Kathy Copeland and Mary Kay Wacaser to fill the two positions on the Glen Elder Housing Authority board. The two positions were vacated by Joe Depoy and Mary Winkel. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. These terms are to begin immediately.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council Mitchell County wants to get more AED devices throughout the county. Heather Hartman will be applying for a grant to help with the cost of the devices, which run about \$1,400.00 each. After some discussion Larry made a motion to get two AED devices for the city. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Garry presented the council with two bids for replacement of the transmission in the 1992 Pierce fire truck. MHC Kenworth bid for \$10,491.20 and American Ag & Auto bid for \$11,061.90. There was discussion on amount of time the fire truck would be out of service while being repaired. Tracy made a motion to accept the lowest bid from MHC Kenworth. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Garry said he would like to replace the equipment van with something larger. He mentioned that the truck for sale in Beloit is not what he is looking for. He found a 2002 ambulance for \$12,500.00 on-line. After some discussion, the council tabled any decisions and asked Garry to keep looking for options.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner went through a list of residents that have vehicles in yards that need attention. He will be sending out letters to Brett Callaway, Mike & Tammy Frost, and Todd Odle. He will contact the folks at 112 N. Mill about their garage. He is going to start on the east edge of town and start going down alleys, asking folks to clean up their properties. Mitchell County will

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be hosting a county-wide clean-up, made possible from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The landfill will be offering free dump fees May 1st – 6th, 2017.

Power Poles

Eldon informed the council the old meter pole at the substation needs to be repaired. Prairie Land will help with the project and the City's share of the cost will be around \$3,400.00. He also said the pole in the alley behind Brent Cunningham's needs to be replaced. He said that pole has nine primaries on it and he would like Prairie Land to help replace it. He said if the city crew does the work themselves, power would be off for everyone on the hill including the radio station and Brady's Convenience for most of the day. Replacing this pole with Prairie Land doing the work will cost about \$6,200.00. Larry made a motion to have Prairie Land do the work on both poles. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Utility Rates

The council tabled the discussion on utility rates until the May regular meeting.

Sidewalk Project

Attorney Schroeder asked the clerk to pay the outstanding bills to Solomon Valley Building Center and Abram Ready Mix, and the remainder of the grant funds pay to Abat Lerew. She recommended keeping all the correspondence in the file and mentioned the grant close-out needs to be done by the end of April.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV permit #6 for Rick & Mary Jo Gruwell. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

The council discussed building permit #17-3 a new fence for Tiny Treasures at 101 N. Nash. They are requesting a variance to allow them to install the new fence along the edge of the sidewalk and extend west of the building to match the back fence, which is closer than five feet from the property line. Permit applications #17-4 a new garage for Ken Roe at 321 E. Main, #17-5 a new ramp, re-do deck and add new sidewalk for Jim Stalcup at 209 E. Main, and #17-6 a house addition for Brett Behymer at 309 E. Main were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all the building permits discussed and allow the variance requested by Tiny Treasures. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with a list of trees from Great Plains Landscape that should grow well in town. He said that several folks have asked him since they are removing so many trees around town if the city would be willing to help replace them. Eldon added that several trees at the cemetery have been killed, so those need to be replaced. He asked the council to think about the idea.

Eldon informed the council the basket truck is unsafe to use and is in Missouri being repaired. He said a bearing is out on the turret. He asked the council to be thinking of purchasing a good truck, which will cost around \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00.

Eldon said they took down the old decaying light poles at the baseball field. He is trying to sell the old lights off them. He mentioned that he will have Rick Gruwell coming back and will hire one more seasonal employee. He asked for a raise like the pool guards received. Tracy made a motion to give Rick a twenty-five cent raise, and pay new seasonal help \$7.50 per hour, and returning seasonal help \$7.75 per hour. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Eldon mentioned that he has two more loads of rock coming for the cemetery road.

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Clerk Report

The Clerk informed the council that no weigh tickets have been received from Dunstan as required in the trash collection contract. The council asked her to email Dunstan requesting the tickets. The Clerk asked for permission to attend training in Hays on August 25, 2017, the registration fee is \$50.00. The council gave their blessing for her to attend. \$15,000.00 was transferred from the light fund into the swimming pool fund. The new salt chlorination system is here but not installed yet.

The 2017 council positions that are up for election are Ryan Duskie, Sheila Paxson, and Larry Wheeler. The clerk mentioned the filing deadline for office is June 1, 2017, the general election will be held November 7, 2017, and a special meeting will be held the second Monday in January 2018 for the elected individuals to take office. She added that council members will now be paid in January and July of each year, and annual appointments will be in February of each year.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk