

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
September 5, 2017**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 5, 2017 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Austin Hamilton, Chad Hallack, Eldon Behymer, Garry Clark and Mary Jo Gruwell.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes amending the vote to adjourn from four ayes to five, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August were reviewed amounting to \$83,909.53 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and American Ag and Auto bills. Tracy made a motion to approve the claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Public Comment

Austin Hamilton asked the council if he was to sign the contract at tonight's meeting. Mayor Duskie told him the council has already reviewed the contract and the next step would be for him to read it, sign it and return it to the attorney's office or to the city hall. Austin said he will take the signed contract to the attorney. The attorney will present the contract for the council's final approval at the October meeting.

Fire Chief Garry Clark told the council he needs to replace two bottles for \$500. In reviewing his fire fund he noticed the cost for the green fire truck's transmission had been paid from the fire fund account. He stated it was his understanding that this would be taken out of the general fund. After a brief discussion the council agreed the city owns the truck and should be responsible for the cost of repairs, therefore the amount should be taken from the general fund. Garry said they had been selling some of the old equipment and would like to use some of those funds to purchase a new ice machine. The cost for this should be under \$1500. The council had no problem with this. Garry informed the council that he was pleased with the response to the fire at the senior center this morning.

Appointment of Municipal Judge

Larry made the motion to appoint Jim Johnson as the new Municipal Judge. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes, Barry abstained.

September as National Senior Center Month

Mayor Duskie signed the proclamation for September to be National Senior Center Month.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner was unable to attend the meeting but notified Ryan he had contact with a couple of the owners of properties he is keeping his eye on. The council asked the city clerk to contact Chris to check on property next to the daycare.

Utility Rates

The council revisited the topic of raising utility rates. After some discussion, Barry made the motion to increase the Residential Electric Rates 3% and Commercial Electric Rates 5% and leave all other charges the same. Larry seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 nays.

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Tracy made a motion to raise the base rates for Commercial Service to \$12 for Urban Commercial, \$13 for Rural Commercial, \$14 for Urban Power Demand and \$15 for Rural Power Demand. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion failed 2 ayes to 3 nays.

It was the consensus of the council to leave sewer, water, trash and cemetery rates the same at this time.

Power Pole

Eldon informed the council they need to replace a power pole behind Toni Wood's home. Due to the complex nature of this pole's removal and replacement he would like to have Prairie Land do this at a cost of \$4500. Barry made the motion to allow Prairie Land put in the new power pole. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Tracy made the motion to approve the ATV permit for John and Tina Senger. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Building Permit

Barry made the motion to approve building permit #17-14 to move in a utility building and replace a fence for Brenda Slater at 200 E. Main. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon shared two bids from Senger Construction L.L.C. for a concrete sidewalk and valley gutters for the new bathrooms. Following a brief discussion Ken made the motion to accept the bid of \$2,671.64 for the valley gutters and \$1,175.50 for the sidewalks. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Barry asked Eldon about the mower for the skid loader. Eldon said he had gotten a price of \$2500 difference for the mower. The council wanted to table this until next year.

Clerk Report

The clerk asked for clarification as to which fund they would like the A.E.D. to be taken from. The city will receive 2 A.E.D. machines for \$1395.00 through a cost share grant. It was the consensus of the council to take it from the general fund.

Jane Merrill contacted the city to return cemetery lots purchased by her father in 1986. The family chose to intern him in a different lot in the cemetery and will have no use for these lots. The council agreed they would forgo the \$175 fee for her father's internment for the return of the deed to the city.

Council Report

Ken asked what type of sealant would be used on the inside walls of the new bathrooms. After a brief discussion it was decided they would use an appropriate sealant and then paint with epoxy paint to create a nice surface more easily maintained.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken 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!)

Mary Jo Gruwell
Assistant City Clerk