

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

July 6, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., July 6, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack – KDNS, Jerry Clark, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 1st, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounting to \$65,548.21, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Cawker City Ledger, Farmway Coop, Beloit Ready-Mix, and Attorney bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Public Comment

Fire Chief Jerry Clark informed the council that Watts Manufacturing LLC replaced the seal on the fire truck. He said he is very impressed with the work they did and the repair cost \$1,607.65, which he is thrilled about.

Jerry had some comments about the fireworks over the weekend. He said too many, too late and our town sounded like a war zone. The council discussed shortening the times and days for shooting fireworks off. Ken suggested amending the current ordinance and limit fireworks on July 1st and 2nd to 11:00 pm. Katie will draft a new ordinance for the next meeting.

It was also mentioned that kids were throwing fireworks at vehicles driving by on Hobart, which is unlawful.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner gave the council a list of properties around town that need attention. The council asked him to visit with four additional property owners. There was a discussion on how to handle property owners that fail to comply with clean up requests by Chris. Katie instructed Chris to take pictures, make a list of the violations and she will send the property owners a 10-day letter. If the property is not cleaned up after the ten days, then an official complaint can be filed and a municipal court date will be set. It was decided to do multiple folks at a time to save money with the attorney and judge.

Audit & Budget

Scot Loyd, CPA with Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, LLC presented the council with the 2014 Annual Audit Report. Scot went over the communication letter as well as the financial schedules in the report. This audit report will be sent into the state.

Scot informed the council of the states newly passed tax lid and went over the 2016 budget with the council. He explained to have a healthy general fund he recommends having at least three months worth of expenditure money in cash. He said our general fund is weak, but added that our electric fund is good. The draft of the budget has the 2016 mill levy at 33.306, the same for the last few years. Scot asked the council what they want to do with the mill levy.

The council discussed the budget and the projects that are coming up in the future. The council asked the clerk to put the old bucket truck money received from Farmway Coop toward the loan on the new truck. Eldon informed the council that the frequency drive needed for the water tower project has not arrived yet. It was the consensus of the council to look into utility rates this

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year instead of increasing the mill levy. It was noted that at some point the mill levy will need to be increased, especially when the assessed valuation stays the same or goes down.

The Thompson Housing Development was briefly discussed. The council feels Larry & Alice Thompson need to get their plat survey done before the City can begin to look into what is needed on our end. The council would prefer the Thompsons to attend regular council meetings to discuss the development, not special meetings which would be more expense to the city.

Heinen Property

A portion of Vine Street is currently located on the Heinen property. This road is asphalt and would be difficult and expensive to relocate. Katie needs a legal description of that portion of the property that contains the road, plus any additional right of way that the city may need. She informed the council that once a legal description is obtained, the City can approach the property owner about resolving the issue. Eldon will contact Randy from Schwab-Eaton to get the process started for a survey and legal description.

Speed Limit Signs

The council discussed getting new speed limit signs that read, "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25". These signs are patented by a Nebraska company and would cost approximately \$700.00 for ten signs. The idea failed due to lack of a motion.

Building Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-23 a roof over a deck and a new patio for AJ Hupfer at 308 E. Allen, #15-24 concrete slabs for a grill and dog kennel for Ivan Bruss at 409 N. Center Street. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve the following ATV Permit: 2015#18 for Megan Duskie and Parron Wilcoxson. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council that the condenser had to be replaced on the Daycare air-conditioner, it cost the city \$1,573.00. He informed the council that he measured Gregg Snyder's new storage unit and with the sidewalk around the building the measurements on his original building permit are incorrect. The council would like Gregg to come in and amend his building permit and pay the \$25.00 fee.

Eldon asked about getting stop signs at the corners of Center Street and Waconda Drive, and First and High Streets. Katie asked the Clerk to email the information to her and she will draft the necessary ordinance.

Eldon informed the council of the bids to tuck and point three sides of the City Hall building. The low bid he received is for \$8,622.00 and the high bid is \$10,557.00. He said the building is in bad shape and needs to be done. He said he did receive a bid to tuck and point all four sides; it came in over \$17,000.00. This idea failed at this time, due to lack of a motion. Eldon said that Geisler is due to come install the Duro-Last roof on City Hall.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council that the copier/fax/scanner she purchased just two years ago quit working. She traded it in and got a new unit for \$895.00. She presented the council with the proposal from TMHC for drug and alcohol testing on city employees. After informing them of all the fees involved, it would be cost prohibitive to implement such a program and would not save the city money as had hoped.

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The clerk informed those present that the new website, www.glenelder.com is up and running. She asked the council to take a look at the site and give any suggestions or corrections to Greg German. She added that Greg came and showed her how to add council minutes to the site.

The clerk asked about giving \$200.00 to the lake fireworks display. She said the request came after the last meeting. The council gave her the go-ahead.

There was some discussion on food vendors in town. As stated in the ordinance food vendors that reside in Mitchell County need to fill out an application for a license and pay \$10.00 per day, not to exceed \$70.00 in any six-month period of time.

Council Report

Ken said that he had concerned residents ask him about corners that are blocked by trees, shrubs, or even rose bushes. He said they are traffic hazards. The council said folks with these concerns need to sign a complaint against the property owners or come to a council meeting.

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 10:10 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk