

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes**  
**October 5, 2015**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 5, 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: Troy Damman, Nichole McDaniel, Brad Weidenhaft, Travis & Mary Eberle, Karen Miller, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings 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 September amounting to \$36,024.02, 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.

**Sidewalk Grant**

Nichole McDaniel informed the council that trees can only be removed for the sidewalk grant between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. She said the Department of Wildlife & Parks would only sign off on the environmental if those dates were strictly adhered to, as an effort to save habitat for the endangered long-eared bat in the area. The council reviewed the following forms: Code of Ethics, Procurement Procedure, and Civil Rights/Fair Housing. Lindsey made a motion to approve all three documents, seconded by Ken. Motion carried with five ayes. Nichole added the state should release the grant funds soon. The council asked her when the project would begin; she said we must have a contractor under contract by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Baseball Field**

Travis & Mary Eberle were present representing the Waconda Baseball Team. They said they would like the city to try and get the baseball field, because without it our town is left with nothing. Troy Damman, USD 272 Superintendent said that the school board would like to donate the baseball field to the city. He added that a survey would be the responsibility of the city and easements to the football field would be needed. He said that the school board will be selling the school building, football field, and playground equipment at an auction on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The council asked if the city could get the football field, Damman said only if the city would submit a bid. He said there are a couple folks interested in the football field and it will go to auction. There was quite a bit of discussion about moving the baseball field east to allow some room for the school building, putting up a permanent fence and making the field large enough to accommodate K-18 ball again. Damman mentioned that the school board is only willing to give the city the original baseball field. He advised the council to come to the October 12<sup>th</sup> school board meeting and make an offer on the football field if that is what the city is wanting.

**Swimming Pool Reports**

The council reviewed financial reports on the swimming pool. Attendance was up, the concession stand made a good profit, and as a whole the pool lost \$13,974.61 – down from the previous year. There was some discussion on the wage and duties of the manager, and the council would like this topic cleared up next spring. Karen added that the returning guards asked about pay raises. Karen informed the council of the swimming lesson numbers for the year, the night swim happenings, and the pool now has its own facebook page on which they posted closings, updates, and other information on. She said that she kept the pool open until 7:00 pm every day, which the council liked and felt important. Karen mentioned that she changed a couple guard rules. She

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added that Rich put up boards over the windows to keep the winter dust out and he is willing to paint the rule board and the office.

### **Code Enforcement**

Chris Wagner informed the council that he called two property owners about their dilapidated garages. The council discussed a timeline in which to give them to tear down these garages, April 1<sup>st</sup> was the decided deadline. Larry Hiserote's deadline was September 30<sup>th</sup> and his progress has not been what was expected. The attorney will draw up a complaint and the judge will be contacted for a first appearance date. The council discussed Joe Smith's property; right now it looks fine but as soon as he fails to comply, a complaint and first appearance date will be set for him as well.

### **Rominger Property**

Eldon informed the council the survey on the Rominger property was just completed. Katie said as soon as she gets the correct legal description she will finish the paperwork. Eldon said that he visited with Ziegler and dump fees will be around \$1,500 to \$2,000. The council asked him to check into demolition costs.

### **Utility Rates**

After a lengthy discussion on connect and disconnect fees, utility rates and monthly minimum rates per month. The council felt it best to leave the monthly customer charges the same, but increase rates per kilowatt and gallon as customers have control of their usage. Tracy made a motion to increase electric and water usage rates by 5% per kilowatt and gallon, and increase connect fees to \$50.00 per meter. Leaving monthly customer rates the same, as well as trash and sewer the same at this time. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Daycare**

The council discussed having a new contract next month to present to the daycare board. Tracy made a motion to have a proposed draft made for the daycare. A 12-month period lease with the tenant paying \$200.00 per month rent as well as all the utilities, repairs and other items similar to past agreements. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes

### **Building Permits**

Tracy made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-27 move in a playhouse for Eldon Behymer at 117 N. Mill, #15-29 move in a utility shed for Jim Penwell at 500 E. Kansas, and #15-30 move a carport for Bob Kastrup at 213 N. Hobart. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **ATV Permit**

Lindsey made a motion to approve ATV Permit #2015#21 for Lynn and Lisa Root. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Employee Report**

The bids for a new fire station furnace were opened. Remus Plumbing \$1,982.15, and Willow Springs \$2,914.00, it was noted that the unit from Willow Springs is a larger BTU unit. After some discussion, Barry made a motion to accept the bid from Remus Plumbing. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon said all but a couple items have been picked up from the Purple Wave sales. The council reviewed the list of items and the amounts sold for. Eldon added that they will be tearing up the sidewalks in the square and re-wiring the park. He said that they will be putting up new benches in the park as well.

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**Council Report**

Tracy said they had eleven teams in the chili cook-off, the day was wonderful and she thanked the guys for all their help.

The council discussed the baseball field. Tracy and Lindsey will attend the school board meeting on Monday night and offer the board \$3,000.00 for the football field and baseball field leaving the school board with 20 feet east of the school. The council discussed waiting to have the survey done after all is settled with the auction of the property.

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 10:18 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk