

January 6, 2020

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., January 6, 2020 at City Hall, with Acting Mayor Sheila Paxson and council members: Darel Stuart, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Tim Demel, James Reed, Garry Clark, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The claims on hand for the month of December amounting to \$51,159.37 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and Dunstan Waste Solution's annual dumpster bills were reviewed. Darel made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

Sheila opened the public hearing on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. With no comments on the NR Plan the hearing was closed.

Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #729 adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Designating a Neighborhood Revitalization Area. This tax rebate program shall terminate on January 15, 2022, unless renewed prior to that date. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

City Attorney

Tim Demal introduced himself and informed the council of his background. He graduated from law school in May 2019 and is practicing with Harrison Law in Beloit. After fielding questions from the council, Barry made a motion to hire Tim Demel as the new City Attorney. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Tim took his official oath of office.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed reported he needs some history on a few areas of concern in town. He also asked the council their opinion on using Order to Appear tickets instead of the Notice to Appear from the Attorney as used in the past. He stated it is simply a change in process and should be more time efficient. Councilman Cleveland added that the violators should contact City Hall to get specific court dates and times, instead of putting that information on the tickets. The council liked and approved the idea.

Eldon requested residents stop driving over sidewalks and curbs, or parking on sidewalks. He is concerned the new sidewalks will be busted. It was noted that if sidewalks are busted as a result of such actions, it would be the responsibility of the property owner to repair and pay for the sidewalk. James will visit with violators.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council he wants to purchase four new thermal imaging masks. He has two bids: MES for approximately \$10,296.00, and SCBA Sales for approximately \$7,068.00. He said both companies offer the same masks with a two-year warranty, however the SCBA Sales masks have refurbished voice amps. He plans to use his equipment reserve money to purchase the masks. Barry made a motion to purchase four thermal

imaging masks from SCBA Sales. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Garry informed everyone that his fire trucks are 30 years old, those will be future purchases. He also wants to apply for a grant this year to get more masks and equipment.

Ordinances and Resolution

Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #730 establishing the salaries of employees. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Darel made a motion to approve Ordinance #731 amending the council meeting time to 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #732 designating a yield intersection at the east entrance of Mill Street and Kansas Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Darel made a motion to approve Resolution 20#1 the 2020 GAAP Waiver. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Library Board

Barry made a motion to appoint Alice Thompson and Nicki Cleveland to the Library Board with their terms to begin January 14, 2020. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Landen abstained.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #20-1 a new deck for Rick Johnson at 200 N. College #14. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

There was some discussion on building permit #20-2. Landen made a motion to approve building permit #20-2 enclosing the canopy area for Chris Wagner at 100 W. Main Street. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked the council to consider capital improvements and each member received a copy of the capital improvement plan spreadsheet. She asked the council to review the reports of transfers and adjustments for 2019, adding that this is the first time since 2016 that the budget and cash on hand has allowed the transfer of leftover fire department funds into their equipment reserve fund. The Clerk mentioned receiving a verbal request to have a 4-way stop at the intersection of Main Street and Hobart Street. The Clerk informed the council Sage Schlaefli declined the pool co-manager position, which leaves Shelby Senger the position by herself.

Council

Barry informed the council during the last train the engine sat running on the tracks south of his house for five days. He said he visited with Cody Richards and was told it was the railroad's doing, not CVA's. Barry mentioned he feels they will come to a solution.

Sheila asked Eldon to make a list of current projects and give them to the council each month.

Darel informed everyone that the traffic counters are in use and collecting truck counts. Darel asked the new attorney to ask Katie about Lincoln's "business district" in relation to zoning.

With no other business Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk