

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

February 02, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 2nd, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, and Barry McPeak. Tracy Anderes arrived later in the meeting. Also in attendance: Daniel Firebaugh and Son, Dave Remus, Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 5th, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Lindsey made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounting to \$55,803.08, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kansas One-Call, Cawker City Ledger and Attorney Bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Dog Request

Daniel Firebaugh and son asked the council for permission to get a third dog at their house. The council granted them permission, saying it is not a problem until it becomes a problem.

City Attorney

Barry made a motion to retain Katie J. Schroeder as City Attorney, increasing her pay to \$100.00 per hour and pay for her mileage to attend meetings at the current IRS rate. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Rural Water Contract

The council reviewed the last contract revision received by our attorney. Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #15-2 entering into a ten-year contract with Rural Water District #2. The city will pay a monthly fee of \$500.00, with an increase to \$1,950.00 when the district delivers water to the city. Sheila seconded the motion and Lindsey abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement

Chris informed the council that not much is happening now due to the cold weather. He hasn't received any complaints, but has noticed a couple things that need attention. Chris said when the weather warms a little he hopes to see some improvement.

WAPA Contract

The council reviewed the paperwork on the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Electric Power Contract Extension. The contract between the city and WAPA would be extended through September 30, 2054. Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution #15-3 approving the contract extension with WAPA. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Website

The council discussed the website. Once the website is redone the council would like to be able to make small changes to the site from City Hall. The council will make a decision at next month's meeting.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the resignation letter from Shanae Porter as co-manager of the pool. They also discussed a letter received from Kylie Moore, who would like to stay on as manager or co-manager. The council would like to see more adult supervision and would like the other co-manager to live in town and be easily accessible. The council asked to have Karen Miller and Kylie Moore attend the next council meeting.

Daycare

The council reviewed the letter sent by the city attorney to the Daycare in August 2014 along with a new letter drafted to the Daycare. The letter states that the City will no longer subsidize the daycare past the current agreement end date of December 31, 2015. The council approved the new letter to be sent.

Water Tower

Eldon asked the council to decide when they would like to have the water tower painted. He would like to hire Schwab-Eaton to design and oversee the project. He also would like permission from the council to get a frequency drive. He said they are pretty pricey but would eliminate having to run water down the gutters while work is being done on the tower. Eldon estimates the project to cost around \$15-20,000.00. Tracy made a motion to allow Eldon to contact Schwab-Eaton and start the process. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ryan asked the council to consider having a logo painted on the tower instead of the black block lettering. The council liked the idea of having it as an extra option on the bid project, that way if too expensive it can be cut.

Building Permits

Eldon informed the council that the new storage shed that Cunningham Communications wants to build will be on the city right-of-way by six to eight feet. He said it will be within the ditch and will not interfere with drainage in the ditch. Lindsey made a motion to approve Building Permit #2015-1 for Cunningham Communications to put up a new storage shed with a variance allowing it to be on City right-of-way by approximately six to eight feet. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon stated that the building site for David Remus's house will be well within the boundaries set by ordinance. Lindsey made a motion to approve Building Permit #2015-2 a new home for David Remus on West 2nd Street. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#1 for Craig & Kyla Slate, 2015#2 for Rodger & Jerri Williams, 2015#3 for Mike & Linda Riley, 2015#5, #6, & #7 for Art & Pat Duerksen. The motion included to approve permit 2015#4 for Dave Remus upon receipt of all required paperwork for the permit. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon gave the council pictures of a 2007 Altec basket truck he would like to purchase. He said the price would be higher than what is on the pictures because Altec has gone through the truck. Eldon felt the truck would cost around \$50-60,000.00. Eldon informed the council that Altec does not want our 1997 basket truck as a trade-in. He said the nitrogen system in our truck is why no one will work on it. Tracy asked Eldon to get more information and final figures on the 2007 truck and the council asked him to see if Altec has any other trucks coming in.

Eldon informed the council that he will be getting in 150 tons of chat. He said it will cost around \$35-36 per ton.

Eldon said that he and Fire Chief Clark have visited about three new garage door openers. He has bids from WWZ for \$850.00, Senger Construction for \$675.00 and Koster's Building Center for \$653.00. He added that he has visited with three different plumbers about heating the fire station, all with different ideas. He said he has a bid for a central heat furnace that would blow warm air from the bottom of the 96% efficient unit from Willow Springs for \$2,987.00. He said that Watts have not turned in any bids yet. Barry made a motion to get the three new garage door openers for the fire station from Senger Construction since they are the lowest bid from a business in town.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that Cawker City is having a special meeting with Mid-Kansas Electric Company representative Ash Mayfield on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. and the Glen Elder governing body has been invited to attend.

The Council discussed the bad check policy and bad check fees. The council wants the bad check fee increased to \$30.00. The council asked about utility disconnection due to bad

checks. Cash basis only customers were also discussed. The council asked the Clerk to visit with the attorney about these policies.

Council Report

Ryan informed the council that he visited with interested property owners about developing the land which is now in fields just east of the hill into a new residential area. He said that it will cost the city to hire Schwab-Eaton to do an aerial overview of the area, essential for city infrastructure.

Lindsey is concerned about the dust problem when they are loading trains. Ryan will contact Farmway representatives about the oil system they promised to use.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger

City Clerk