

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
February 3, 2020**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., February 3, 2020 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Denise Jackson, Attorney Timothy Demel, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the January 6, 2020 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 January amounting to \$57,478.09 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Annual Appointments**

Barry made a motion to approve the annual appointments made by Mayor Duskie. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Mayor Duskie made the following annual appointments:

Council President	Sheila Paxson
Municipal Judge:	Jim Johnson
City Attorney:	Timothy J. Demel
City Official Paper:	Cawker City Ledger
Financial Institution:	Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
City Clerk:	Jerri Senger
City Superintendent:	Eldon Behymer
City Maintenance:	Devon Housh
City Maintenance:	Garry Clark
City Treasurer:	Linda Mick
Fire Chief:	Garry Clark
Assistant Fire Chief:	Cody Thompson
Insurance Agency:	Linton Insurance

Light Committee: Ch: Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak, Landen Cleveland

Water/Swim Pool Committee: Ch: Landen Cleveland, Larry Wheeler, Sheila Paxson

Street/Alley/Sidewalk Committee: Ch: Darel Stuart, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak

Park/Building Permit Committee: Ch: Eldon Behymer, Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson

Cemetery Committee: Ch: Barry McPeak, Larry Wheeler, Darel Stuart

Budget Committee: Ch: Ryan Duskie and all Council Members

Authorize Clerk to pay payroll 1st of each Month.

Authorize City Clerk to pay bills prior to meeting night to avoid paying penalties.

**Water Ordinance**

The Clerk read water rate Ordinance #733, a revision which applies the monthly minimum charge to all duplexes, apartments, and trailer homes having separate kitchen facilities.

Denise Jackson, Glen Haven Housing Manager, informed the council her lease states that she pays the water for her tenants. Her tenants are low-income, disabled and elderly. She told the council she has her budgets completed by the end of October and she has to give tenants a 30-day notice for rate/lease agreement changes. She said budgets are set for this year and doesn't want paying for water to be a hardship on her tenants. Denise asked for exemptions for her tenants or for the charges to be postponed to her tenants.

Darel made a motion to approve Ordinance #733 as written and to exempt the Glen Haven Housing units until the January 1, 2021 bills. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Landen Cleveland arrived at the meeting.

### **Square Curb & Gutter**

The council reviewed the bids to form, replace and finish the curb and gutter around the downtown square. Senger Construction came in as the low bid at \$6,500.00 per side. It was noted that the city crew will remove existing curb and gutter. The council asked if there are grant funds available to help with this project. Ryan said he will check with NCRPC about potential grants. The council asked to table the discussion until next month.

### **Cemetery Road**

Eldon informed the council the cemetery road needs more rock. He said the middle of the road from the curve to the cemetery has deteriorated. They plan to do work in the ditches and get the crown of the road back in shape. Eldon said he wants larger rock that will compact well, like the SS5, which will cost around \$4,500.00. He mentioned that CVA is good about putting rock on the road from the curve to the highway. Barry made a motion to approve the purchase of new larger rock for the cemetery road. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Water Emergency Plan & KMEA Board Member**

Sheila made a motion to approve the updated water emergency plan. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council re-appointed Eldon to the KMEA Board of Directors position #2 for the City.

### **Code Enforcement**

The council reviewed a report from Code Officer James Reed on his activities the last month. After some discussion, the council asked the clerk to have James check into the untagged cars parked in the street at Joe Smith's property.

### **Library Board**

The Mayor opened and read the resignation of Library Board President, Andrea Eberle. The council approved the resignation. The Clerk asked the council for permission to charge the library for monthly residential trash, per the request from the Librarian and Board. The council felt if they want to pay for residential trash, to allow the library to do that. The Clerk will call Dunstan to set up a pick-up location and get a residential can.

### **Resolution #20-2**

The council reviewed Resolution #20-2, given to the City by Rick Horn Mitchell County Emergency Management Director. Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #20-2 adopting the North-Central (Region F) Multi-Hazard, multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Employee Report**

Eldon asked to purchase a new zero-turn 2020 48-inch John Deere Mower. He would like to trade in the Grasshopper mower, he said no one likes the Grasshopper since it leaves windrows of grass behind it. With the government discount and the trade-in, the new mower will cost \$3,200.00. Larry approved to purchase a new 2020 48-inch John Deere Mower for \$3,200.00. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon informed the council that we have a rotten power pole at 208 N. Vallette. He said the pole has primaries on it and needs replaced as soon as possible. He said if the city crew does the work the power will be out for about 8 hours to 30-40 homes. He said Prairie Land will do the job next week, for around \$6,500.00. He said Prairie Land can do the job without killing the power. Darel made a motion approving the hire of Prairie Land Electric to replace the pole. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon reported that he removed the traffic counter on Mill Street. He said it wasn't working correctly and adding too many clicks.

### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk informed the council Trevor Elkins asked if he could bid the liability insurance for the city. The council felt it was fine to get a bid, but wanted to include Sherri Linton's bid with EMC as well.

The Clerk informed the council effective January 1, 2020, Mid-Kansas Electric Company and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation have merged into one entity.

The Clerk informed the council the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health and dental insurance plan premium increased 12% this year. She said that was due to market factors and age, according to the account representative. She also asked for permission to allow employees to enroll in a Cancer Plan and Hospital Indemnity Plan. It would be at no cost to the City, but would be taken out of payroll. It is a voluntary program and any of the full or part-time employees are eligible to participate. Landen made a motion to approve continuation in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health and dental insurance plan as well as approve the cancer and hospital plans to be taken out of paychecks. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council reviewed the updated list of delinquent accounts turned into the State Set-off Program.

### **Council**

Barry said he visited with Cody Richards and they don't like the train engines in town as it takes up needed track space when loading the trains. He reported they have been parking the engines east, out of town.

Landen reported on the building committee meeting held last month with Jeff Holling and Cody Richards from CVA. The meeting was about a potential grain dryer to be added to the north side, between the first two large bins. There were comments and concern on the noise level a dryer may make.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:35 p.m. Darel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss attorney-client matters for fifteen minutes, with the mayor, council, and attorney present. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:50 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk