

March 1, 2021

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., March 1, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Jeff Holling, Joe Smith, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Resignations

Barry made a motion to accept the resignations of Mayor Ryan Duskie and City Attorney Timothy Demel. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

It should be noted that Darel Stuart was sworn in as the Mayor on Thursday afternoon, February 25, after the resignation of Ryan Duskie was received.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$45,072.70 plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The clerk reported on the first capital improvement plan meeting that was held on February 16. A completed list of all city owned equipment, including the office and fire department, has been given to Emily Benedick to be put in the plan. Eldon is currently working on a detailed list of the infrastructure. Emily and her office are working on putting together a draft public CIP survey for each household in Glen Elder to have an opportunity to complete. Due to time and scheduling conflicts, the next CIP meeting will be held on April 20 at 7:00 pm.

Building Permits

The council discussed building permit application #21-2 for a kitchen addition to the back of the old library building at 105 S. Mill. The Senior Center granted permission for the addition to be built, no closer than three feet from the Senior Center's building. Proper drainage between the two buildings was also discussed. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-2, a building addition, at 105 S. Mill with the noted permission from the Senior Center. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The Mayor mentioned a decision needed to be made on building permit #21-4 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street. Landen made a motion to approve building permit #21-4 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag. Sheila seconded the motion. Landen and Sheila voted for the motion. Larry and Barry voted against the motion. Mayor Stuart voted against the motion, breaking the tie. The building permit for the grain dryer is denied.

Executive Session

At 6:08pm Barry made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 6:23pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he ordered the park light globes discussed a couple months ago. He noted the price went up \$900.00 in the 8-months since they were first discussed. Larry approved the park light globe purchase. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon asked for permission to hire the three summer help employees from last summer. The council approved him to hire three summer employees.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the written report from James Reed. No comments were made.

Clerk Report

The clerk asked for permission to purchase a new printer. She is still waiting for information on a Canon printer, and not sure if it or the Brother printer quoted last month will be the best option. Barry made a motion to approve spending up to \$1,500.00 on a new printer. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The clerk sent an email to the state flood insurance map representative requesting they come to Glen Elder to reevaluate the proposed map. Pictures of the 1993 flood were sent with the email and a request to reduce the size of the flood area on the proposed maps.

The clerk expressed concern about SB 87 currently being discussed in Topeka. If SB 87 passes the city will lose its portion of the county sales tax collected, which in 2020 was \$53,876.75. This would be devastating to the city financially and the clerk mentioned if this passes it makes having a city sales tax just that more important.

The clerk informed the council Kayla Hamilton has been in contact and will again be the pool manager.

Council Report

There was a short discussion on the increase in gas prices with the extreme cold spell last month. No one knows, at this time, exactly how it will affect the citizens of Glen Elder.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk