

March 2, 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., March 2, 2020 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Cindy Clausen, Kyla Slate, Sherri Linton, Lisa Jermark, Trevor Elkins, Attorney Timothy Demel, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$43,664.43 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Library Board

Library board member Cindy Clausen asked the council to pass an ordinance which allows the library board members to reside outside city limits. The council asked about reducing the number of board members from seven to five. Cindy read the Kansas State Library Policy which requires the library to be governed by a board of seven, plus the Mayor which holds the eighth seat. She mentioned with all the work they have done in the last couple years they need seven board members. After some discussion, Barry made a motion to require library board members to have a Glen Elder mailing address. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Sheila and Darel voted against the motion. The attorney will draft a new ordinance for the April meeting.

City Insurance

Trevor Elkins informed the council he did not have enough time to get a bid prepared for the meeting. If the council is interested in getting a bid from him next year, he would like to start gathering information the first of January. He has a good company that he can get insurance through and said that Mankato will be switching from EMC to his company which is Berkshire Hathaway. He informed the council that he has worker's comp insurance as well.

Sherri Linton presented the council with a premium estimate with EMC and information about the company. She said the estimate has a slight increase from last year, due to the normal increase in replacement costs. Sherri said that EMC has been protecting public entities for over 40 years. She gave a breakdown of the dividends paid back to the city the last three years, which totaled over \$11,000.00. The City's insurance policy renews annually on April 1st. Sherri mentioned they do write bonds and sell worker's comp insurance as well. She thanked the council for their business over the years.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed a report from Code Officer James Reed on his activities last month. James said things around town are slow and he does come through town at least once a week.

Square Curb & Gutter

It was reported that there are no grants available to replace the curb and guttering around the square. After a short discussion, Darel made a motion to hire Senger Construction to replace

the east side of the square at \$6,500.00 and then replace the south side in the fall. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes; Barry voted against it. The clerk asked permission to pay for the curb and guttering out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

Digger Truck

Eldon reported that our current digger truck is unsafe and leaks oil from the boom. He visited with contacts from Rolling Hills and found a 2005 International truck in good shape from DS&O Electric Cooperative in Solomon for \$25,000.00. Eldon said the truck will come with extra parts and has been well maintained. He informed the council he had found a truck from Altech for \$39,000.00, but he visited with the previous owners and they said it is an un-reliable truck. Eldon said they use the digger truck to dig holes and place poles, hang transformers, and pull the sewer pumps twice a year. He mentioned he had enough in his equipment fund and the sewer fund to pay for the truck outright. He added that a bucket could be added to the new truck in the future. Landen made a motion to purchase the 2005 International truck from DS&O for \$25,000.00. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon informed the council they would clean out the old digger truck and put it out for sealed bids to be opened at the next council meeting. He asked if the attorney could draft a release from any liability on the old truck, selling it "as is".

Street Repairs

Eldon presented the council with a bid from Coughlin Company to re-surface Kansas Street from Marshall to Mill (five blocks) for \$66,800.00. He said the City of Beloit and the county have hired this company to re-surface streets in May and June. He said they will mill the street 10-inches and resurface with a mixture of 5% Portland cement and fog oil. Eldon said the city crew would then come in and oil and chat the street twice. The council was very concerned about having enough money to complete the street re-surfacing. Eldon mentioned that the work could not be put off another year, as the condition of the street is deteriorating. He did mention the street would be completely blocked off for ten days. There was concern expressed about giving the farmers and truckers advanced notice to the street closure. Eldon mentioned possibly doing the job in two parts, but would need to visit with the company about that idea. Eldon will call Jeff Holling as soon as he knows the schedule. There was more discussion on how to pay for the street repair. Landen made a motion to rescind the curb and gutter replacement work this year. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen then made a motion to accept the bid from the Coughlin Company to re-surface Kansas Street for \$66,800.00. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Eldon mentioned using leftovers of last year's oil and chat to complete the job and hopefully cut corners on the total project cost.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported calling the Lincoln Center City Clerk about their business district. The Lincoln Clerk mentioned the business district was in place before she started 18 years ago and she was unsure how the district was formed without zoning. It was suggested to review Lincoln's ordinances on their website.

The Clerk mentioned the new auditors will be here Thursday and Friday.

Executive Session

At 7:15 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 7:30 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 7:34 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk