

May 14, 2018

**Glen Elder Special Council Meeting
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The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., May 14, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance Carl Dickinson, Central Valley Ag CEO, CVA employees Art Duerksen, Wes O'Bannon, Jeff Holling, and Assistant City Clerk Mary Jo Gruwell.

Talk With Central Valley Ag CEO

Mayor Duskie opened the meeting by stating the truck traffic for CVA proposed years ago versus what the reality is now is quite different, but this is due to growth and "Growth is good." He continued by saying he is wanting to talk about the future. So far the blacktop overlay streets on the truck route are holding up pretty well, but there will come a time when those streets will need to be repaired, and the cost will be high. These streets will not be able to be resurfaced like the other streets in the city because they will not last. The Mayor also mentioned the environmental impact to the city, especially since the truck route goes through residential areas, including increased noise, exhaust fumes, dirt and debris. He concluded by stating he would like to come up with a plan for updating the current blacktop overlay streets plus two more blocks of streets that are currently not blacktop. He asked them where they see CVA going in the future. Mr. O'Bannon stated they do want to increase in the future, but this depends on the markets, and production of crops. He stated this facility was originally supposed to be a load out for only wheat. As the farming evolved and more soybeans were grown they had to adjust to handle that crop also. Then milo became very important to China, so we went from loading out one type of grain to handling three. This has led to an increase in train traffic from what was proposed years ago, but added that it is not possible for the trains to handle any more than they do now. He said there are some things they can do to improve the truck traffic to make it steadier, rather than happening all at the same time.

Art Duerksen discussed the impact of taxes CVA pays to the county and what monies Glen Elder receives from them, and the fact that more taxes will begin to come to the city as deferred taxes for past projects begin. Mayor Duskie said at this time the tax monies we receive will not cover the cost of resurfacing the blacktop overlay streets. Following further discussion of options Mr. Dickinson said he would like to see the city set up a line item for repair of streets that would not be touched for other projects. He also said a timeline and cost projection would be helpful to CVA.

The council stated the positive things that have come with CVA are the jobs that it brings to our community. Jeff Holling shared at this time they have 12 employees here in Glen with 2 more working for Ag Mark. The council also mentioned that contract truckers and producers have been helped by this business. The council thanked them for the changes CVA has made in response to concerns we have brought to them.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

Mary Jo Gruwell
Assistant City Clerk