

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

June 1, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 1, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Larry & Alice Thompson, Dan Page – KDNS, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 4th & 21st, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounting to \$45,443.89, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Boettcher Supply, Kiefer, Cawker City Ledger, White Star, Greg German bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Mayor Ryan Duskie left the room and asked Sheila to take over the meeting.

Thompson Housing Development

Larry and Alice Thompson presented the council with a map and proposal of their property. They want to provide suitable property for building new homes, providing additional family housing and potential growth for Glen Elder. Their map outlines 14 lots for sale with a cul-de-sac street in the middle. Eldon gave the council rough cost estimates on materials for the proposed housing development. Water materials would be around \$8,000.00, Sewer materials around \$16,000.00 and he added that they would run the electric above ground. He said to get closer estimates the project would need to be engineered for all utilities as well as the road layout. Hiring Schwab-Eaton will cost around \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The clerk noted that the city already spent \$1,177.00 on preliminary housing development plans with Schwab-Eaton.

There were a couple different ideas on how to divide the payment of the utilities and road in the proposed development among future landowners. It was determined the city attorney needs to be involved in recommending how repayment of the new infrastructure should be. Eldon asked if the council is willing to go forward with this project.

There was some discussion on the Gas Company's rectifier beds that lie below the proposed housing development. Alice informed the council that her preliminary layout has the street right-of-way over the rectifier beds. Alice also asked if they needed to provide road access to the adjoining property to the north, for any future development. The council said the Thompson's did not, it is their land and how they choose to layout the development was their choice.

Lindsey made a motion to have Eldon contact Schwab-Eaton and get cost estimates for the Thompson housing development. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mayor Duskie was called back into the room and he took over the meeting.

Code Enforcement

The council held a lengthy discussion on putting more teeth into property clean-up, including fining property owners for failure to comply with codes. The city attorney will be contacted for legal input on this issue.

CDBG Sidewalk Grant

Clerk Senger informed the council that the CDBG grant application was submitted and the city qualified by reaching 51.69% low-to-moderate income. Now we wait to hear if we are selected.

Vacating Street & Alley

Lindsey made a motion to vacate the north/south alley between blocks three and six, Allen's Addition and vacate a portion of west Third Street lying south of block three Allen's Addition with Ordinance #688. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fireworks Sale Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve the fireworks sale permit for Shauna Remus. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Bucket Truck Bids

Eldon informed the council that the new bucket truck has hydraulic leaks. The Texas company we purchased the truck from will be taking the truck into a shop and repairing it, at their expense.

Mayor Duskie opened the sealed bids for the 1995 Ford bucket truck: Gordon McMillan bid \$7,000.99, Jacobs Auto Sales bid \$8,705.00, Farmway Coop bid \$10,895.00. Lindsey made a motion to accept the bid from Farmway Coop for the 1995 bucket truck, with them not taking possession until our new truck is back from the shop.

City Hall Roof

Eldon said that he did not receive a bid from the Salina Company recommended by Barry. Geisler Roofing is the lowest bid he received with Duro-Last roof material, at \$6,799.00 for City Hall and \$5,499.00 for the shop. Barry made a motion to approve Geisler Roofing to install a Duro-Last roof on the City Hall building. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-20 build front steps for Brent Emerson at 212 S. Vallette, #15-22 build a privacy fence for Daniel Firebaugh at 300 E. Main. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#16 for Rick & Mary Gruwell, 2015#17 for Marvin McGuire. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare Reports

There were no daycare reports again this month, but the council members mentioned the Daycare did receive a grant.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council that the city could get another 2% discount on workers comp insurance through KMIT if the city would adopt a new policy on drug testing new hires and in the case of on-the-job accidents. The Clerk will do more research and visit with the attorney on this subject.

Eldon informed the council that a large military marker was damaged by a mower. He said he is in the process of having it replaced.

Clerk's Report

The clerk mentioned the dividend refund received for good safety practices from the EMC Insurance Company. She also gave the council copies of the annual water consumer report and informed the council that copies of the report are on the website or can be picked up here at City Hall. The council reviewed the letter from Farmway Coop for the bushel set-off

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check received in the amount of \$8,865.54, this money will be put into the capital improvement fund.

Council Report

Ryan informed the council that Greg German is ready to go live with the new website on Weebly, this week. He asked the council members to go on the new site, check it out and give Greg some feedback. Ryan added that he purchased the required 2-year subscription fee for the new website since the city does not have a credit card. It was mentioned that Greg's bill will be coming in this month for the website set-up and should be around \$1,750.00.

Barry asked about the stop sign requests, the subject will be put on the agenda next month when the attorney can be here.

Tracy informed the council that the community club would like the pool to be closed on Fun Day. She mentioned that they have a full day of activities planned. She also mentioned that the street on the south side of the square will need to be blocked off that day.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk