

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes**  
**June 7, 2021**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., June 7, 2021 at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Lori Augustine, Neil Phillips, Heather Hartman, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounted to \$62,624.75, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, the attorney, and Miller Welding bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Audit Report**

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, went through the 2020 Audit Report in detail. Neil said no adjustments or corrections were needed from the information they received from the City Clerk to the audit's final report. The only note made in the communication letter was for the segregation of duties, which applies to every small town. Neil did ask the council to pay close attention to everything they sign and that is presented to them at council meetings when it comes to the bills and financial documents.

**City Sales Tax**

Heather Hartman, Mitchell County Community Development Director, gave a list of cities in the area and their city sales taxes rates. Heather suggested forming a committee of three to five folks to go out and visit with residents and business owners. Darel Stuart, Lori Augustine, and Larry will talk to his neighbor about being on the committee. The council would like to use the tax money to pay for general infrastructure like: streets, curb and gutters, etc. The tax money will be put into the Capital Improvement Plan, with the tax having no sunset. Heather will come up with a timeframe. Residents can get more information about the city sales tax at the public meeting to be held on Thursday, July 15 at 7:00 pm about the Capital Improvement Plan.

**Code Enforcement**

The council reviewed the May activity report from Code Officer James Reed.

**Car Wash**

Larry made a motion to approve the location change of the city car wash, moving it from Kansas Street to Mill Street, on the west side of the city shop. Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. Eldon reported the city crew made the decision to pour 30-inch-deep footings on the three sides of the wash area, at a cost of \$1,225.00. He said this will keep the poured concrete from breaking up when a semi-truck is driven onto the wash area. The mayor reported the total project cost for the car wash at the new location is approximately \$12,200.00.

Eldon asked about a water softener and RO system. Eldon said they have a 180-gallon storage tank. After a discussion, the council felt it is a good idea to get a water softener, and a RO

system is not needed. Eldon said he will contact Culligan Water in Downs and Concordia for prices.

### **No Parking Ordinance**

Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #737 amending parking limitations in town and restricting the parking of trucks or trailers in excess of a registered gross weight of 36,000 pounds on Kansas Street between Hobart Street and Marshall Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Clerk Report**

The clerk informed the council that Sheila Paxson will be running for Mayor and Lori Augustine will be running for a council position. The general election will be held on November 2, 2021.

The clerk said that she will begin working on the budget. She mentioned the budget hearing will most likely be held in September this year due to the new Revenue Neutral Rate regulations.

The clerk asked the council to review the letter from EMC concerning the \$4,281.46 dividend check received.

The clerk mentioned receiving information about the public meeting for the new Floodplain Maps to be held in Beloit at the Municipal Building on July 21, from 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The clerk said the flood area was reduced from the initial large area affecting residents on the north end of town. However, there are still homes that will be affected by these new floodplain maps, that were not in the floodplain in the past. She encouraged residents and council to attend the meeting next month.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday on Monday.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk