

July 6, 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., July 6, 2020 at City Hall with acting mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Ty Buschbom, James Reed, Attorney Timothy Demel, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the June 1, 2020 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 June amounting to \$70,057.86 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill was reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve the claims. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Code Enforcement**

The council reviewed the report from Code Officer James Reed on his June activities. James reported the sofa at the Tracy Smith residence has been put into the back of a pickup and James hopes Tracy will be getting rid of it very soon. The council mentioned being frustrated with both Joe Smith and Tracy Smith's properties. It was discussed to start fining them for lack of compliance. Larry asked James to check out the Blass property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. James received more complaints of underage golf cart drivers around town. He also reported visiting with Mr. Evaristo on complaints of his chickens. The clerk mentioned the Evaristos have over the limit of dogs on their property, they have previous permission to have four dogs and now have five.

**Library Board Residency Charter Ordinance #11**

Voting on the library board residency Charter Ordinance was tabled until August with a full council.

**Building Permits**

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #20-12 a sidewalk and pole structure over a wood pile for Lori Augustine at 301 E. Kansas, #20-13 a new concrete floor and close ends of carport for Dale Walls at 105 S. College. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Truck Route**

Mr. Marshall and the county commissioners decided the issue between Central Valley Ag and the City of Glen Elder is not a county problem and they want to stay out of it. Darel Stuart reported having a two-hour discussion with Tim Porter. Since that discussion Darel feels it might be wise to come up with a plan, and have a couple council members go to York Nebraska to visit with the CEO of Central Valley Ag.

The council discussed different street repair options. Concrete was discussed. It would be very expensive plus Eldon said we would need to replace all water service hookups if using concrete. Resurfacing a portion of Hobart, as done to Kansas Street this spring, was also discussed. With limited funds in the budget, resurfacing Hobart Street all at one time is not an option. The County and/or CVA putting up a bridge over Limestone Creek next to the railroad tracks east of town for a truck route was also mentioned. Eldon was asked to bring figures for street repair to the next meeting.

The truck route topic was tabled until next month.

### **Employee Report**

Eldon informed the council Kevin Milbers' original bid to tuckpoint the city hall building was \$9,685.00. Once work was started and they discovered they would need sharper tools they increased the bid to \$12,000.00. Eldon said he visited with the mayor and a couple council members and received permission for the bid increase, however no one is happy about the increase. He reported keeping a close eye on their work and said they are doing a good job.

Eldon asked for permission to purchase a new sewer pump. He said he would like to have a new pump on hand as a backup. All previously purchased pumps are in use and there is money in the budget for the \$6,560.40 purchase. Barry made a motion to purchase a new backup sewer pump. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk informed the council Kayla Hamilton is doing an amazing job as the pool manager. The Clerk mentioned masks and it was reported that Mitchell County will not be enforcing mask wearing and it will be left up to each individual business.

There was a discussion on the low percentage of residents that have responded to the 2020 Census. It is important that all residents fill out the 2020 Census.

The Clerk went through the draft of the 2021 budget. Darel asked how much money the city will receive next year when the first CVA grain bin comes off the neighborhood tax rebate program. That figure will be researched for next month.

With no other business Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darel seconded the motion and with four 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