

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
August 2, 2021**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., August 2, 2021, at City Hall with Mayor Darel Stuart presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, and Barry McPeak present. Also in attendance: Thomas Depew, Kevin Noller, Joe Smith, Jason LaRue, Cindy Clausen, Kayla Hamilton, Lisa Jermark, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Mayor Stuart asked if everyone present was vaccinated. He stated he would like everyone that comes into City Hall to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated. He asked the clerk to post a sign on the door.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 8 & 15, 2021 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounted to \$65,591.27, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Cawker City Ledger, Kansas One-call, Waconda Trader, Waconda Boats & Motors, and the attorney bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Swimming Pool

Kayla Hamilton, Pool Manager, reported visitation in June and July is up this year compared to last. The private pool party numbers are up, and the Red Cross swimming lessons were phenomenal this year with 53 kids compared to 30 last year. She informed the council WSI certified guards will be needed for next year. She also mentioned cutting down on the number of guards she hires next year to five or six and having them commit to working a set number of days per week or hours per month. Kayla will set designations on hours and days for full-time, part-time, and being a sub. She said this will cut down on the number of suits ordered for guards and help her with scheduling. The mayor asked Kayla for a written report on her lifeguard proposal, and he asked her to look at the admission rates and give the council her recommendations. Kayla suggested increasing wages, as she lost a guard this summer to Beloit with their higher wage. Bonuses were mentioned, Councilmember Dan Winkel suggested an end-of-year bonus if one is given.

Kayla mentioned that something needs to be done with the peeling paint; it is a mess. Eldon said the company that painted the pool last fall will be back this fall to repair and redo the paint job. As well, Eldon informed the council the chlorinator needs to be repaired this fall.

Library Board

Cindy Clausen and Lisa Jermark, Library Board Members, informed the council they are in the process of obtaining their 501-c3 status. The paperwork has been filed and they are waiting. The mayor expressed concern about the community room rentals competing with the American Legion. They said visitation was down last year, most likely due to COVID. They reported the kid's programs have been very popular this year. Cindy mentioned they just received a state grant of over \$21,000.00 for outdoor projects and programs. The council asked about having better open hours for folks that can't make the two mornings they are currently open.

Code Enforcement

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

City Sales Tax

The mayor informed everyone present that voting to pass the city sales tax in November is very important. It will help fund for repairs that we don't have the money to fix, without the sales tax. Sheila made a motion approving Resolution #21-3 which authorizes a special question election in the city for the purpose of imposing a one percent city-wide sales tax for general purposes. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Car Wash

The clerk asked for permission to open a separate bank account for the car wash. She informed the council the debit and credit card company will charge a fee to the city of six cents per transaction and 25% of the amount. The council felt the fees could be absorbed and not passed on to the customers at this time. Landen made a motion to open a separate bank account for the car wash. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Eldon said the credit/debit card machine works and is ready to go as soon as the account paperwork is done. The clerk said the car wash has collected \$452.75 so far. The council reviewed the car wash project cost list, which totals \$16,577.44. The mayor noted the amount is well under what was initially approved for the project.

Executive Session

At 6:30pm Dan made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, attorney, and Eldon present. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 6:45pm Mayor Stuart re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Maintenance Employee

Barry made a motion to offer the new maintenance employee prospect the job at \$17.50 per hour. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Residential Trash Contract

The attorney asked the clerk for an updated number of trash customers. Scott asked the council for details for the invitation for bids. The city will collect residential trash collection bids until October 31, 2021. The bids will be opened and awarded at the November 1, 2021, regular council meeting.

Building Permit

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #21-14 per a new patio cover for Scott Hughes at 113 S. Hobart. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Clerk Report

The attorney reported he did reach out to CB Trucking's attorney concerning the fire hydrant damage past due bill.

The clerk informed the council the city did receive half of the American Rescue Plan money, \$32,085.95. A separate line item was put on the financial statements to best keep track

of the money. She said the money must be spent by December 31, 2024, and can only be used for COVID-19 related negative economic impacts, or necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The clerk asked the council to review the delinquent customer list that has been turned into the Kansas State Set-off Program. The council was also asked to review the list of transfers made, which includes \$20,000.00 from the electric fund to the swimming pool fund.

Council Reports

The mayor asked the clerk to put a notice on the website about the golf cart rules in the city. Lately, underage kids have been seen driving golf carts. The ordinance states all golf cart operators must have a valid driver's license.

The mayor asked to have his letter concerning truck numbers on the streets posted on the website. He said he will sign the letter if needed.

The mayor said he visited with Jeff Holling last week about shutting down the grain dryer for Fun Day. He said it was a cordial meeting and they did not dry grain on Friday or Saturday. He said that he has received several complaints about the awful smelling spoiled grain being run through the dryer. He said it has made many areas of town smell really bad. Darel said he has been in contact with Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Air and he wants air traps set up around town. He said he is concerned about the health and welfare of residents. He showed the council the information on Aflatoxins and he asked to have the information put on file at City Hall.

The mayor wants our city sales tax to be used for curb and guttering, not streets. He feels CVA should help fund street repairs. He asked Attorney Wright to look into getting a one cent per bushel tax to be imposed on all grain. He said the tax can be charged inbound on the trucks or outbound on the trains. Dan Winkel said he has been looking into how we have gotten to where we are now. He has all the documented complaints from Kastrup and has received other complaints on the truck traffic in town. Mayor Stuart said "CVA are terrible corporate citizens", he said Farmway Coop tried, but CVA has not.

With no other business, Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk