

August 3, 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., August 3, 2020 at City Hall with mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Jeff Holling, James Reed, Attorney Timothy Demel, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the July 6, 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 July amounting to \$65,399.52 plus the outstanding Attorney, Cawker City Ledger, and Mid-Kansas Electric bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Garry Clark requested permission to purchase three more masks with thermal image systems. He said with COVID-19 masks cannot be shared and with three more he will have all the masks needed. Garry said the masks are \$1,447.51 each, or \$4,342.53 for all three, and he has that amount in his budget. Darel made a motion to approve the purchase of three more masks. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Code Enforcement**

The council reviewed the report from Code Officer James Reed on his July activities. James reported issuing a couple more warnings on Friday afternoon.

**2021 Budget Hearing**

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2021 budget. The Clerk went over the budget. There was some discussion on possible reductions of money from the state. The council discussed how much tax money the city actually receives from property taxes, which is .16 cents of every dollar, and the city receives a portion (just under 4%) of the county's 1% sales tax. With no further discussion and no public comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Darel made a motion to approve the 2021 budget as written. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**Library Board Residency Charter Ordinance #11**

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

**Building Permits**

Larry made a motion to approve building permit #20-14 enlarge concrete slabs by both building doors for Seth Krueger at 500 W. Main, #20-15 move in a 12x16 storage shed for Zachary Shelton at 217 N. Center. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

There was a question about if a fence needs to be moved when the property has been surveyed and found out to be in the wrong location. The attorney said these matters are between property owners.

Eldon asked for clarification from the council if a building permit is required to put in a new concrete driveway, where an existing rock driveway was. The attorney pointed out a concrete driveway meets the definition of a structure requiring a permit. So yes, concrete driveways do require building permits. This was discussed at the April meeting as well.

### **Truck Route**

Darel Stuart said he feels the city has three options on the truck routes: First, modifying the truck routes. Secondly, coming up with a new revenue stream to fund resurfacing the truck routes, particularly Hobart Street as soon as possible. Lastly, we need to find a way to get an additional \$50,000.00 per year to maintain our streets. The Mayor said he would prefer to concrete the streets. Realizing it would be expensive and would require replacing house drops on the water main, but it would be the most durable long-lasting solution. The council asked Jeff Holling if he had any comment on the subject. Jeff said he was present to listen. Jeff did inform the council that the lines of communication are open with Carl Dickinson, CEO of Central Valley Ag. The council would like a long-term agreement with CVA and would like a new start of working well together. Jeff said he will send Carl's email address and a meeting could be setup. The council decided that Landen and Darel would go to York to meet with Mr. Dickinson.

The truck route topic was tabled until next month.

### **Employee Report**

Eldon asked the council for changes to the time allowance for flowers out at the cemetery. He said they are difficult to mow and weed eat around and the wind blows them from graves. He said we receive calls from upset folks because the flowers have been removed. After some discussion, the council decided to draft a new section to the ordinance allowing flowers two weeks before and two weeks after Memorial Day weekend. It is noted that the flowers kept in the permanent vases on the headstones are not the problem. It is the extra flowers and miscellaneous that folks put out around the headstones.

Eldon informed the council he has been in contact with McKee's and is trying to get a bid to have them repaint the swimming pool. Unfortunately, with COVID they are super swamped. Ideally Eldon would like to see the pool repainted this fall and the clerk mentioned having money in the budget for the job. Eldon said he guessed the project to cost around \$8,000 to \$10,000.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk again brought up the fact that Pool Manager Kayla Hamilton is doing an amazing job. The clerk informed the council that a \$400.00 donation was received for the swimming pool today. The clerk asked the council to review the transfers report, as she transferred \$20,000.00 from the electric fund into the swimming pool fund in July.

The clerk informed the council about sitting in on the Zoom meeting about Everbridge. This would be a countywide emergency notification system. The cities in the county will be asked to pay an annual fee based on population and the SPARK grant money will be used to pay the start-up fee. At this time the annual fee is unknown.

The council reviewed the list of delinquent customers sent into the Kansas State Set-off Program for collection. There was some discussion on what determines commercial and residential rental properties for utilities.

### **Council Report**

Darel Stuart said he feels the trash truck is tearing up the streets just as much as the semi-trucks. The clerk was asked to draft a letter to Dunstan Waste Solutions. Darel also reported that he is working with Dana Clausen to get new bids for the tennis court project. He said the

previously submitted project cost was too high and failed to get a grant. Darel said that he and a group of folks are working on getting approval of a golf cart path out to the State Park.

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 7:43 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk