

September 8, 2020

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m., September 8, 2020 at City Hall with mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Garry Clark, Attorney Timothy Demel, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Darel made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of August amounting to \$56,418.39 plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Residential Propane

Garry Clark requested permission to use propane to heat his home. He said Kansas Gas Company wants \$10,000.00 to run gas lines to his residence. After a brief discussion, Darel made a motion to approve Garry Clark a propane tank no larger than 500 gallons at his residence. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Lead and Copper

Garry Clark informed the council that the lead and copper water test results have been coming back high, the last several years. It is not the city water lines that are the problem, it is the household lines that are causing the high readings. Garry said we have two options to remedy the problem; hire an engineer or do jar testing. It was mentioned a chemical could be added to the water that would coat lines and reduce lead and copper leaching into the water. That would cost approximately \$1,000.00 per year. Garry said he will get more guidance from the State of Kansas on a solution.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the report from Code Officer James Reed on his August activities.

Library Board Residency Charter Ordinance #11

The council briefly discussed the new library board charter ordinance. It allows up to two board members to live outside the city limits but must have a Glen Elder mailing address. Barry made a motion to approve library board residency charter ordinance #11. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes from Wheeler, McPeak, Duskie, and Cleveland. Two no votes were received from Paxson and Stuart.

Cemetery Ordinance #735

Since the previously passed cemetery ordinance was not published and made official. The attorney added a section on flowers and other ornaments. Sheila made a motion to approve the new cemetery ordinance #735 as written. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes and McPeak voted against it.

Everbridge Mass Communication System

The clerk informed the council the county commissioners will charge \$.40 cents per resident per year to participate in the Everbridge Mass Communication System. Mitchell County will use SPARK grant money to pay the \$26,000.00 startup fee. Landen made a motion to approve participating in the Everbridge System. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The attorney asked if a resolution was needed to participate and the Clerk will check into it.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum

Sheila made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Understanding. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Eldon said he had looked at all the building permits and they were all fine. Larry made a motion to approve building permit #20-17 a sidewalk around the house for Delmer Towns at 220 W. Allen St., #20-19 erect a lean-to behind the garage for John Senger at 304 N. Nash St., #20-20 move in a 12'x24' building for Darel Stuart at 501 W. Main St., and #20-21 move in a carport for Parron Wilcoxson at 332 N. Hobart Street. Landon seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes; Stuart abstained.

Building permit #20-18 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street was discussed by the council. There is concern from the council about the dust, noise and safety of the installing a new dryer on the north side of the bins. There were questions if it would increase truck traffic. There is concern if such a large propane tank would be safe so close to residential areas and how the propane lines would be run. It was asked if putting the dryer east of town, at the bunkers would be a safer idea. The council basically wanted more information. Any decisions on building permit #20-18 were tabled.

Executive Session

At 6:40pm Darel made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss attorney-client matters. With the attorney, mayor and council present. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 6:55pm Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he purchased a new 90" skid loader mower for \$5,600.00 and sold the old mower for \$2,500.00. Eldon said he had the money in his equipment fund for the new mower. Eldon mentioned the city tree dump is running out of room to dig new pits. He said some of the oldest pits are not safe to dig into or around. He suggested the city consider purchasing a little more land and hire someone to dig larger pits than they can.

Eldon presented the council with the bids to repair and paint the pool. The most thorough bid is for \$27,480.00. More than what was expected, but he hopes the complete repair and paint job will last for 10 years or more. However, there are no guarantees. Eldon also suggested setting money aside every year to paint the pool in the future. Eldon said McKee's plan to get the prep work done this fall and paint next spring. It was discussed where the extra money will come from, since the swimming pool only has about \$10,000.00 left in the budget. Landen made a motion to approve repair and painting of the pool for \$27,480.00 with the extra money to come from the electric fund. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon mentioned there is something wrong with the backhoe. He said it has no power and they are trying to figure out what the problem is.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council new UPOC and STO ordinance books will be purchased and adopted next year. The paper shredder has been acting up for a while and stopped working. A new cross-cut shredder was purchased from Central Office Supply for \$699.00.

The clerk mentioned the 2020 Census count ends September 30th. All residents are encouraged to fill out the census.

There was a brief discussion on the social security tax deferral order by the President. The council unanimously want to opt-out of the tax deferral.

Next month swimming pool reports will be presented to the council.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk