

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
January 2, 2018**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., January 2, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack and daughter, Denise Jackson, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Tracy made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes. The claims on hand for the month of December amounting to \$43,863.34 plus the outstanding attorney and Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Ken made a motion to approve the claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

**Public Restrooms**

Denise Jackson informed the council she has sent in all the required completion paperwork for the two grants received on the public restroom project. She said it would be a good idea to put up a sign in front of the restroom stating funds were received from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant to build the facility. There was a discussion on the types of signs, who would be listed, and if the signs should be put inside each restroom or just outside. Sheila will contact Bell Memorials and report back to the council. Sheila and Denise will write up an article for the local newspaper listing more of the donors.

**Nuisance Abatement Program**

The council visited about the NCRPC nuisance abatement program presented last month. It was the general consensus of the council to hire someone that will enforce all the city ordinances, and not participate in the NCRPC program. The Mayor has someone in mind and if he turns down the job, we will advertise for the position.

**City Welcome Signs**

The sign committee will report back to the council next month.

**Chickens in Town**

The council asked to have Katie draft an ordinance similar to Beloit's allowing up to six chickens per property, no roosters and no free-roaming chickens will be allowed. Peacocks and Guineas will not be allowed. The ordinance will be reviewed in February.

**Ordinances & Resolution**

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinance #710 amending the salaries of select employees. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #711 vacating portion of N. Mill and W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets, correcting the legal description. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Tracy made a motion to approve Resolution #18-1 to waive GAAP requirements for 2018. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Building Permit**

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #17-19 a new 12x12 shed for Scott Jordan at 116 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Employee Report**

Eldon informed the council that it will be expensive to remodel the existing office. He estimated around \$10,000.00 to do the flooring concrete, new door and sheetrock work. This price does not include the electrical work, new window, new wall insulation, and new drop box. Eldon presented the council with two bids to put up a new office building on the corner of Market and Kansas. A 30x40 building at a little over \$30,000.00 and a 30x52 building for a little over \$33,000.00. The city crew would have to do the finishing work on the new buildings. After some discussion the council decided to keep the City Hall in the current building.

Eldon reported he has contacted Willow Springs about the floor heating in the public restrooms, it is not keeping up with warming the building. He also said a toilet in the men's room is cracked and is checking on its warranty.

**Clerk Report**

The clerk informed the council that Sheila, Larry and Ryan need to come into City Hall next Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to take their official oath of office. She reported the housing project is wrapping up. Eldon will tour the completed housing projects on Thursday. The clerk informed the council that \$25,000.00 had to be transferred from the Light to General fund and payroll had to be re-allocated to avoid going over budget in the General Fund. The clerk said an agent with KFS Insurance would like to visit with the council about the city's insurance policy. The council asked to have him send a quote.

**Council Report**

Larry said he was asked about the utility billing at the Glen Haven Apartments. The Clerk was asked to look into the matter.

There is serious concern about the wear and tear on the city streets from the semi-trucks going to the elevator. Katie will be contacted to ask CVA to help pay for the streets that are getting torn up by their traffic.

The city crew was complimented on how well the Christmas Lights looked in the park this year.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk