

January 2, 2024

Glen Elder City Council Minutes January 2, 2024

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., January 2, 2024, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Brandon Tritsch, Trevor Elkins, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 4, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounted to \$54,134.69, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas One-Call, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

EMC Insurance

Trevor Elkins asked the council's permission to transfer the City's EMC Insurance policy to his agency. He has an office in Glen Elder. The council did express wishes to do business as local as possible. Trevor said the Glen Elder office will be open from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. They also have an office and full-time staff at the Munden branch. Angie made a motion to transfer our EMC Insurance policy to Mahin Insurance with Trevor Elkins. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Sub-Station Breaker

Devon informed the council of the bid from Sunbelt Solomon for a re-manufactured three-phase breaker for the sub-station, at \$16,030.00. He mentioned Prairie Land Electric will need to be hired to install the new breaker. He doesn't have a bid on the installation price yet. Devon said the delivery of the breaker is 15-weeks out. Lindsey made a motion to order the breaker plus the cost of installation. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

First Impressions Program & Murals

The council reviewed the email from Emily Benedick concerning the First Impressions Program. Angie Behymer mentioned having received the same information. They are waiting to hear back from Grainfield on the public meeting date and time in Glen Elder. They are expecting to know in the next week or so. The public presentation will last about 45 minutes and Emily would like to have a public mural meeting immediately following the First Impressions program.

Lori arrived at 7:15 pm.

Ordinances & Resolution

There was a brief discussion on the draft of the employee wage Ordinance #756. The attorney advised the clerk to add the sections concerning the pool manager and lifeguards to the new ordinance, since it repeals all of Ordinance #751. Landen made a motion to approve

Ordinance #756 establishing employee wages, with the amendments discussed. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #757 adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution #24-1 waiving the Generally Accepted Accounting Principals for 2024. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Annual Appointments

Mayor Paxson made the following annual appointments:

Council President	Landen Cleveland
Municipal Judge:	Jim Johnson
City Attorney:	Scott D. Wright
City Official Paper:	Cawker City Ledger
Financial Institution:	Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
City Clerk:	Jerri Senger
City Superintendent:	Devon Housh
City Park/Cemetery:	Joe Wildfong
City Water/Sewer:	John Mosher
City Treasurer:	Linda Mick
Code Enforcement	James Reed
Fire Chief:	Garry Clark
Assistant Fire Chief:	Cody Thompson
Insurance Agency:	Mahin Insurance Inc.

COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Light/Electric	Ch: Lori Augustine, Kevin Noller, Jerri Senger, Devon Housh
Water/Sewer	Ch: Landen Cleveland, Lindsey Clark, John Mosher
Street/Alley/Sidewalk	Ch: Angie Behymer, Lori Augustine, Devon Housh
Park/Cemetery/Swimming Pool	Ch: Lindsey Clark, Angie Behymer, Pool Manager, Joe Wildfong
Building Permit	Ch: Kevin Noller, Landen Cleveland, Devon Housh
Budget Committee:	Ch: Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk, City Superintendent

City Council Meetings:

1st Monday night each month at 7:00 p.m., unless a Holiday, then will be held the following night.

Authorize Clerk to pay payroll 1st of each Month.

Authorize City Clerk to pay bills prior to meeting night to avoid paying penalties.

Landen made a motion to approve the appointments made by the mayor. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed updates to the capital improvement plan. The following items were all taken care of in 2023 and removed from the list: curb and guttering around the square, the new Pioneer Cemetery fence, a newer fire truck, and selling the oiler truck. Several new

items were discussed: update the main pick-up, a new skid steer, updating the Wilson Neff sign, updating the electrical grid, replacing the cross-arms at the baseball field, and curb and gutter on Main and Kansas Streets after the waterline replacement. A final list will be made at the February council meeting.

Utility Rates

The council briefly discussed the need to continue gradual increases in utility rates to keep up with the increasing expenses. The clerk was asked to get the end-of-the-year figures to council members as soon as possible. The subject was tabled until February.

Employee Report

Devon asked permission to purchase a tree mower stump grinder for \$4,600.00. He said he has the money in his equipment reserve fund. Landen made a motion to purchase the tree mower stump grinder for \$4,600.00. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon said they have been trying to replace power poles around town. He is trying to replace about 30 poles per year. He mentioned some of the poles were new in the 70's and are rotten now.

Lindsey and Devon informed the council about the fire hydrant damage done on December 16th at the Garry Clark residence. Devon said they had two city employees each with three and a half hours overtime that night. He did say they were able to repair the fire hydrant and need to re-install it.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the delinquent utility accounts list of customers turned over to the State Set-off for collection. The clerk informed the council of only one utility transfer in December. The clerk and council discussed getting laptops or iPads for each of the council members and attorney to use during council meetings. Applying for a grant to purchase the laptops or iPads, was mentioned. It was decided that several things need to be considered and carefully thought through before moving forward on this idea.

Council Report

Landen asked Brandon Tritsch if he had something to ask the council. Brandon asked who he is to call when delivery trucks come in at 2:00 am. He said they park in the street with their engine noisily idling until the business opens, across the street from his residence. He said it is impossible to sleep and he is frustrated about this ongoing situation.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk