

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
January 3, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., January 3, 2022, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Thomas Depew, Jeff Holling, James Reed, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 6, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounted to \$54,456.34, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, city attorney, and Kansas One-Call bills were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the December activity report from Code Enforcement Officer, James Reed. James said they were minor issues that were resolved. Councilman Winkel asked James to take a look behind Austen's business, where he cleans deer.

Ordinance & Resolution

Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #742 establishing the wages of employees. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Angie made a motion to approve Resolution #22-1, the 2022 GAAP Waiver. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed updates to the capital improvement plan.

Equipment was discussed. Since a tractor was just purchased, the oiler truck was next on the list. The council discussed if looking for a newer truck, or if hiring oiling crews would be better financially. It was mentioned, the oiler truck gets used just a couple times each year. Eldon stated at this time there are no pressing equipment needs.

Infrastructure was discussed. Eldon said the water tower valve project still needs approval from the state and he expects that project to get started in May or June. The American Rescue Plan money will be used for this project. Hobart Street was discussed at length. There was discussion on what it may take to concrete, or to just mill and re-surface Hobart Street – like was done on Kansas Street. Setting money aside to repair Hobart Street was discussed. It was decided the curb and gutter needed to be repaired on the north end of Hobart before repairs are made to the street. Eldon was asked to bring bids to the next meeting to replace curb and gutter on the north end of Hobart and a bid for replacement of curbs around the square. It was mentioned that the corners of Nash and Vallette Streets onto Kansas Street are not designed for semi-truck traffic.

Annual Appointments

Mayor Paxson made the following annual appointments:

Council President Landen Cleveland

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| 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: | Eldon Behymer |
| City Maintenance: | Devon Housh |
| City Maintenance: | John Mosher |
| City Treasurer: | Linda Mick |
| Code Enforcement | James Reed |
| Fire Chief: | Garry Clark |
| Assistant Fire Chief: | Cody Thompson |
| Insurance Agency: | Linton Insurance |

COMMITTEE

Light/Electric
 Water/Sewer
 Street/Alley/Sidewalk
 Park/Swimming Pool
 Building Permit
 Cemetery
 Budget Committee:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ch: Barry McPeak, Lori Augustine, Jerri Senger
 Ch: Lori Augustine, Angie Behymer, John Mosher
 Ch: Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, Eldon Behymer
 Ch: Angie Behymer, Barry McPeak, Pool Manager,
 Ch: Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Eldon Behymer
 Ch: Barry McPeak, Dan Winkel, Devon Housh
 Ch: Sheila Paxson and all Council Members

City Council Meetings:

1st Monday night each month at 6:00 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.

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

Building Permit

Central Valley Ag's building permit #21-17 for a new grain dryer on the south side of the bins and a propane storage tank, southwest near the tracks, was on the agenda. Jeff Holling, with CVA, informed the council nothing has changed on the building permit but the dry leg and price of the project since last spring. The dryer they want to install will be larger, safer, and more efficient than the 40-plus year-old dryer they currently have. Jeff explained they have gone above and beyond the state fire codes for the propane storage tank. The tank will be protected by steel and concrete bollards. The 2" pipe running from the tank to the dryer will be corrosion prevention pipe and will run in 4" conduit where it crosses under the truck route. They would like to have the dryer up and running by September 1st to catch the early wet corn harvest. Jeff added that milo and wheat will also be dried in the new dryer.

Dan asked about receiving help from CVA to do street repairs and if the city can get the bushel money back. He also mentioned the dust from the elevator and trains. There was some discussion on the property taxes paid by CVA and the electric franchise money received which is \$16,000.00 to \$20,000 per year. There was a brief discussion on Railroad Street. Jeff said they have hired an engineer to find a solution to repairing the street. Dan asked about meeting with the CVA board of directors and CEO. Landen and Sheila stated how the meeting with them went last time. Jeff mentioned that he and others got a tenth of a cent per bushel for the city

from CVA and the city council at the time didn't feel that was enough. Dan said he would like to table a decision on the building permit until next month. Angie said she feels it is best to keep the building permit and street/bushel money issues separate. Mayor Paxson said she would like the city and CVA to get along. She reminded the council to make decisions for the good of the town. Lori made a motion to vote on building permit #21-17 for a new grain dryer and propane storage tank. Landen seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Lori, Landen, and Angie voting yes, Dan and Barry voting no. The motion passed; the building permit was approved.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council the Bobcat tractor sold for \$14,900.00 and the John Deere mower sold for \$950.00. The council thanked the guys for the job well done on snow removal.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council the city's copier/fax/scanner machine quit working the end of November. A loaner machine was picked up and used in December. After being told the city's machine could not be fixed, the clerk purchased a new Brother copier/fax/scanner for \$949.00.

The council reviewed a report on the car wash expenses and receipts for 2021.

Council Reports

Landen asked what damage the city received from the wind storm last month. Eldon reported a couple poles down and losing some of the new LED Christmas lights.

Lori asked about getting some rock in the alley between Allen and Main Streets. Eldon replied they try to keep rock in the alleys, but it gets pushed out when driven on in wet and muddy conditions.

The Mayor reported we have a good city crew and would like everyone to keep working together. She said she ran for Mayor because she loves Glen Elder and would like to see everyone be involved and work for the good of the city.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk