

January 5, 2026

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., January 5, 2026, 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: Garry Clark, Eldon Behymer, Chelsa Anderson, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the December 1, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounted to \$53,456.97, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas One-call, City Attorney, WorldPay, and dump truck hoist bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Multi-Sport Court Renovation Report**

Chelsa Anderson reported the New Year's Eve party hosted by the radio station at Waconda Shores went well and raised approximately \$3,700.00 for the court renovation. The city was awarded the Dane G. Hansen Grant for \$98,018.00. It was noted that the grant funds need to be spent by December 31, 2026. Donations from residents and businesses with the help of the Give Butter site are at \$27,123.68. Chelsa applied for the T-Mobile Main Street America Grant for \$48,000.00 to replace the fence and \$1,000.00 for signage. She said she is willing to apply for any grant the council finds that would help with the court project.

Devon presented the council with three concrete options and asked what concrete colors the council preferred for the court project. He is contacting contractors and will be asking for bids to be opened at the February council meeting. The council approved hiring Schwab-Eaton to survey the property. Devon said he plans to begin demolition on March 1<sup>st</sup>, with his city crew taking down the fence and tearing out the old concrete.

The council thanked Chelsa and her committee for all the wonderful work they have done for the new sports court. The council also thanked the radio station, and everyone involved in the New Year's Eve celebration/fundraiser.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council they applied for ten sets of new bunker gear through the State Fire Marshall's Office. They were awarded five sets of gear. He said they need seven more sets. Garry is working on a firm price for new sets, but estimates them to cost \$3,400.00 each, making a total of \$23,800.00 to get all seven sets. The fire department has \$20,149.12 in the Equipment Reserve Fund, but that would wipe out his reserve. Garry will let the council know the final bids he gets for new gear.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Lucas Wiseman went over his December code report. He informed the council of his conversations with the property owners at 200 N. Vine and the progress being made by the new owners.

Lucas stated he is waiting for the City Attorney to complete the paperwork for the Tracy Smith case. There was a discussion and concern about the current state of the Smith property.

Lucas reported he plans to visit with Austin Clark about the vehicles on his property and Evaristo's about their dogs.

The council went over the code officer job description and asked the clerk to make the changes discussed at the December meeting. Angie made a motion to increase the code officer's wages to \$400.00 per month. Landen seconded the motion, and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Utility Rates**

Angie mentioned she is concerned about the high line loss in June of 2025. She stated we must be missing something, and we need to get an answer. She stated until we can figure out why the higher line loses each June; she doesn't feel comfortable increasing electric rates. The council decided to table the electric rates until February.

The clerk informed the council of some examples of when the previously voted on \$25.00 utility transfer fee could be used. However, the attorney has yet to draft an ordinance, so the fee hasn't been charged yet.

### **Employee Wage Ordinance**

Angie made a motion to approve the employee wage ordinance #770 with the addition of the new Code Officer's wages at \$400.00 per month. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Annual Appointments**

Angie nominated Landen to be the council president, seconded by Kevin.

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: Lucas Wiseman  
Fire Chief: Garry Clark  
Assistant Fire Chief: Cody Thompson  
Insurance Agency: Mahin Insurance Inc

#### **COMMITTEE**

Light/Electric

Water/Sewer

Street/Alley/Sidewalk

Swimming Pool

Park/Cemetery

Building Permit

Budget/Finance Committee:

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ch: Angie Behymer, Lindsey Clark, Jerri Senger, Devon Housh

Ch: Kevin Noller, Lori Augustine, Devon Housh, John Mosher

Ch: Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Devon Housh

Ch: Lori Augustine, Kevin Noller, Jerri Senger, Pool Manager, Joe Wildfong

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Ch: Landen Cleveland, Angie Behymer, Devon Housh

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. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Capital Improvement Plan**

Devon and the council discussed the capital improvement plan list of infrastructure and community facilities project priorities. Devon asked to have the curb and guttering include all areas of town. He also asked to add sidewalks along the north side of Main Street, up the hill.

Devon asked permission to hire Schwab-Eaton to survey Main Street from College to Center Streets, the council said yes.

### **Resolution #26-1**

Angie made a motion to approve Resolution #26-1 waiving the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for 2026. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Building Permits**

Landen made a motion to approve building permit #26-1 - a new 10'x12' storage shed and new fence along east side of property for Patsy Smith at 101 S. College Street. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council asked the clerk to refund Waconda RV's building permit money, as a permit was not needed for their project.

### **Employee Report**

Devon said the dump truck bed was built and now waiting for the scissor hoist to be delivered. He said they took down the Christmas lights with little damage.

### **Clerk's Report**

The council reviewed the December connect & delinquent reports.

The clerk gave grant updates. The TOWNS grant was closed-out last month. The KCC grant will require approval from the Department of Energy on a waiver, as the new electric meters do not qualify under the Build America Buy America (BABA) requirements. The clerk said she will get the waiver submitted, but approval will take some time.

### **Council**

Angie stated the wayfinding signs around town look nice.

There was a brief discussion about the poor quality of service on Verizon phones in town.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk