

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
January 6, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., January 6, 2025, 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: Jason Cherek, Brandon Tritsch, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 2, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounted to \$52,416.25, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, WorldPay, and Kansas Gas Service bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Tritsch Request

Brandon Tritsch informed the council he is having some work done on his garage and asked for permission to allow a small excavator to drive on the sidewalk into his yard to do the repairs. The council approved this.

Resident Concerns

Linn Bickel called in to voice his concerns to the city council about the approval of a new RV park to be built south of his residence.

Dog Limit Request

Jason Cherek just purchased the house at 409 Center Street and asked the council for permission to keep his seven hunting dogs in town. Jason said he is a hunting guide and uses the dogs for his work. He said he plans to purchase the old boat shop north of his house and keep four of the dogs there and keep the other three at his residence. He informed the council two of the dogs are older, ages 9 and 10. Jason informed the council he will get a building permit and the dogs will be housed in a nice kennel with a privacy fence around it. The council asked Jason, as the older dogs pass, to get down to the ordinance limit of four hunting dogs. Landen made a motion to give Jason Cherek a variance to allow him to have seven hunting dogs at this time, but to get to a maximum of four hunting dogs in the future. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

No decisions were made to fill the code enforcement officer position, at this time. The council asked the clerk to get a report from the city attorney on the progress of the properties needing cleaned-up on Vine and Allen Streets.

Ordinances & Resolution

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinance #765 establishing employee wages for 2025. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Lori made a motion to approve Resolution #25-1 waiving the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for 2025. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Dream Big 2.0 Grant

The council selected Monday, March 24th as the date to host the strategic town-wide meeting for the \$10,000.00 Dream Big 2.0 Grant money. The meeting will be held at the library meeting room and will begin at 6:30 pm. The council briefly discussed giving incentives for those attending the meeting. The council is excited about this grant opportunity and hopes residents will help come up with a new project to use the money on.

First Impressions Program

The council reviewed the results from last year's First Impressions Program. They mentioned they would like to see new signage put up in town. Directional signs to locate: the ball field, the city park, the pool, the library, the public restrooms, city hall, the car wash, and the business district. The clerk mentioned the new Department of Commerce Grant that could be utilized to purchase new signage. The council asked to have a grant application submitted.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed the capital improvement plan list. Devon said they will start replacing broken curb and gutter this year. The council asked about the fire hydrants. Five need to be replaced, two are in the waterline replacement project. Devon mentioned they really need a newer basket truck. The stand-by 3-phase generator on the list was ordered last year, and they are still waiting on its arrival.

Annual Appointments

Mayor Paxson made the following annual appointments:

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| 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 | |
| Fire Chief: | Garry Clark |
| Assistant Fire Chief: | Cody Thompson |
| Insurance Agency: | Mahin Insurance Inc. |

COMMITTEE

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| Light/Electric | Ch: Landen Cleveland, Lori Augustine, Jerri Senger, Devon Housh |
| Water/Sewer | Ch: Lindsey Clark, Kevin Noller, John Mosher |
| Street/Alley/Sidewalk | Ch: Kevin Noller, Angie Behymer, Devon Housh |
| Park/Cemetery/Swimming Pool | Ch: Angie Behymer, Landen Cleveland, Pool Manager, Joe Wildfong |
| Building Permit | Ch: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, 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. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permit

Kevin made a motion to approve building permit #21-1 a new 24x12 shed for Larry Wheeler at 209 W. 2nd Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Devon said snow and ice removal has been a big job, but is going well.

Devon informed the council he received a bid from Schoen Signs & Graphics to replace the wooden rules sign at the pool with a permanent aluminum one, for just under \$500.00. The council approved the sign replacement.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the December utility connect list.

The clerk mentioned the mayor's seat, Angie Behymer and Lori Augustine's council seats are up for election this year. The filing deadline is generally the first of June.

The clerk said North Central Regional Planning Commission will be submitting the electric meter grant application on behalf of the city, this week.

Council Report

The council thanked the city crew for the good job they are doing on the snow removal and for the beautiful Christmas lights.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk