

October 1, 2018

**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., October 1, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Landen Cleveland, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Council Appointment

Mayor Duskie appointed Landen Cleveland to fill the open council position. Sheila made a motion to approve Landen Cleveland in the council position which will be up for election in 2019. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Landen took the official oath of office and his seat at the council table.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ken made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes. The claims on hand for the month of September amounting to \$67,135.84 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, CVA, Krier's Auto Parts, Municipal Supply, and State water report bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

The Clerk reported Code Officer Shelton sent three certified letters in September asking residents to mow properties. It was noted a couple residents have complied. There was some discussion on the Bowles property at 501 W. Main, the ditch along the road needs mowed. If the City has to mow their ditch, the bill will be assessed on the property taxes.

Swimming Pool Reports

The council reviewed the swimming pool reports. Concessions made a profit of \$596.82 and attendance was down slightly. \$15,000 was transferred from the Light Fund to the Pool Fund and the overall loss was in-line with previous years. Ryan informed the council the pool is in need of some major repairs. He also asked to begin looking for a pool manager for next summer. He mentioned certification classes are offered this winter and it would be nice to get a manager and guards lined up, so classes are not missed.

Streets

Eldon asked the council to seriously consider hiring a company to oil and chat streets next year. He would like to have them here in June or July, and wants to contact the company as soon as possible to get on their work list. He said it will cost approximately \$66,000.00 to oil and chat 48 blocks. He wants the hill done first. The council asked about having Hall Brothers come in to do their mastic black overlay. The council prefers the overlay as it is not as dusty as the oil and chat. Eldon will have firm bids at the next meeting.

Building Permits

Larry made a motion to approve building permit #18-17 a new lean-to for Justin Glauser at 208 S. Vallette, #18-18 a new concrete slab with fence for Larry Thompson at 325 N. Hobart. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council one of the sewer pumps went down last month. He said last November the spare pump was taken to Ellis to be repaired, but they hadn't gotten the job done. So they took the spare pump and the pump that just went down to Hastings. The Hastings shop used parts from both pumps to make one running pump for \$1,200.00. Eldon said they put the repaired pump back into service and he ordered a new pump. The new pump will take about four weeks to get here and will cost \$6,800.00. He told the council they pull and inspect the sewer pumps twice a year.

Since the contract to trade skid steers is over, Eldon asked the council to think about what they want to do with the two skid steers in the future. Eldon feels we can wait three years, but should budget for new units as they are around \$15,000 each. Ryan mentioned he would like to off-set years trading the units in.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked about the annual fireman's meal, the council felt \$14.00 per plate would be good again this year. The Clerk mentioned the thank you card from Geneva Winkel for the curb and gutter project. She asked the council to review the list of bad accounts turned into the State collection service.

Council Report

Larry said he will come up with a draft of the city welcome signs. He would like both signs to be the same size and is thinking of putting the west sign across the highway. Larry mentioned he will not be at the November council meeting.

Sheila asked if any progress has been made with CVA and the streets. Ryan mentioned wanting to visit with the Mitchell County Commissioners first. The Mayor, Eldon, and a couple council members plan to attend a County Commissioner meeting this month.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk