

October 4, 2021

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes  
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., October 4, 2021, at City Hall with Mayor Landen Cleveland presiding and council members: Sheila Paxson, Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Kayla Hamilton, Heather Hartman, Randy Slate, Madge Bennett, James Reed, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

**Appointments**

Mayor Landen Cleveland nominated Sheila Paxson as council president. The council unanimously approved the appointment of Sheila as the new council president. Landen read and signed his letter of resignation as the mayor, effective immediately. Landen left the council table. Sheila took her official oath as the new Mayor.

Mayor Sheila Paxson stated two council seats are now empty. The seat vacated last month still has a two-year term in office and needs to be filled. She asked to have Landen Cleveland appointed to the vacant seat he previously held. Barry made a motion to approve the appointment of Landen Cleveland to the council seat with a two-year term left. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Landen took his official oath and his council seat.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the September 7, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounted to \$65,707.55, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric Coop, and city attorney bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

**County Programs**

Heather Hartman informed the council of the upcoming “Dream Big” meeting at the College tomorrow evening at 5:30pm. She said there is lots of grant money out there and this meeting is to brainstorm for a large project needed in the area. Cities, schools, and community organizations qualify for the large project ideas they are seeking.

Heather mentioned a new program utilizing EDA money to fund new micro factories for a year. This program utilizes Kansas State University’s expertise in starting a manufacturing business and will use NCK Tech College facility to locate the micro factories. She said this program is perfect for the individual that builds or makes something in their garage, which could be turned into a business.

Heather informed the council it is time to renew the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. This tax rebate program must be renewed every two years and each taxing entity must elect to participate in the program. She said the only change the County Commissioners made to the plan is requiring mobile homes to be fixed to a permanent foundation. She mentioned a public hearing must be held, preferably at the November council meeting, and a new ordinance must be passed to participate in the program.

**Pool Reports**

Kayla Hamilton went over her suggestions for hiring new guards next year. She would like the guards to sign a contract of some sort. She wants the guards to take the responsibility

of having a job at the pool more seriously. The council thanked her for the wonderful job she has done as the pool manager.

### **Code Enforcement**

Code Officer James Reed said September was a slow month for code enforcement. A couple property owners he has been working with have shown improvement.

There was some discussion on residents contacting council members wanting extensions on property cleanup deadlines. The council wants everyone to know it is James Reed's job to handle these matters, not the council.

### **Trash Collection Contracts**

Scott Wright shared with the council the invitation for residential trash collection bids he sent out to area companies last month. Bids will be accepted until the end of October and opened at the November 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

Randy Slate introduced himself and told the council about his trash collection business. He plans to submit a bid.

### **CMB Ordinance #740**

The council reviewed Ordinance #740 amending the city codes authorizing Sunday sales of cereal malt beverages in the original package within the city of Glen Elder between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This new ordinance sets the hours the same as the new state law. Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #740 amending the times for the sale of CMB. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The Attorney mentioned the ordinance must be published two consecutive weeks and if no protest petition is received, the ordinance becomes effective on the 61<sup>st</sup> day following the last publication.

### **Behymer Request**

Eldon informed the council he wants to purchase the baseball and football fields. He added with the understanding as long as there are baseball teams to play in Glen Elder, the baseball field would remain the same - maintained by the city and used for baseball. He said once baseball is done in Glen Elder, he would take possession of the baseball field land. He said without the baseball field there is no access to the football field. Landen mentioned he would like to put the land up for bids, if the city is to sell the properties.

### **Building Permits**

Eldon informed the council both building permits looked fine. These was a brief discussion about Mike Louthan blocking the easement, north of the old school building, back to the baseball field. Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #21-15 a new fence for Lucas Wiseman at 400 N. Nash, and #21-16 a new concrete slab for Mitchell Gourley at 340 N. Nash. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Executive Session**

At 6:55pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, and attorney present. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:00pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

### **Maintenance Employee**

Landen made a motion to increase Devon Housh's pay to \$18.00 per hour, retroactive to last month's hours worked. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

A resident was present concerned about her electric bill. Eldon was asked to check her meter.

### **Council Reports**

Barry said the city needs to treat everyone the same when it comes to asking someone to have insurance for shooting off fireworks.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk