Glen Elder City Council Minutes
October 5, 2026

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 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: Eldon Behymer, Scott Hardin, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Attorney Scott Wright, city employees; Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 8, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8th meeting. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounted to $62,875.64, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Lock-IT

Scott Hardin informed the council Lock-IT now has three different levels of IT service packages. He said since the city only has three computers and is still using nckcn.com email, not a Microsoft 365 email, the City of Glen Elder would best fit into Level #1. This would save the city $375.00 per month, a considerable amount over a year. The council discussed getting the email switched and getting the website upgraded to be ADA compliant. Scott suggested the Level #2 IT service package once the email has been switched. Level #2 is $300.00 less per month than what the city is currently paying. There were questions about backup software on the city's main computer. The clerk stated the main computer is backed up nightly. Scott Hardin mentioned for $30.00 per month they could provide backup services.

The council instructed the clerk to contact website designers and get bids to update the city's website and have a timeline, including changing the email, for the next council meeting.

Code Enforcement

Lucas and the council went over the list of contacts he made in September.

The council discussed wanting the house at 200 N Vine Street to be demolished as soon as possible. Devon stated the city does not have the equipment to tear down the house; he would prefer a contractor to be hired. Attorney Scott Wright will send Cheryle Hale, owner of 200 N. Vine Street, a letter of consent to allow the city to demolish the house. The signed form must be returned within 15 days, or by October 20, 2026.

Lucas said he will start visiting with folks about parking violations on the streets.

Glen Elder Foundation

Julia Rabe joined the meeting via the phone. Under the Solomon Valley Community Foundation, Julia asked the council to consider establishing a Glen Elder Community Fund. She said the fund can be named anything the council chooses. The City of Hunter's fund is called the Hunter Huntsman Fund. Julia said this will be a "Field of Interest Fund" that will create a lasting resource to support future Glen Elder projects. The fund must have a minimum of $10,000 in it to be reached in 4 years and will cost an annual fee of 1.25%. Brent Cunningham with Cunningham Fiber offered to be the starting donor with $2,000.00. She said if the fund is started in November, that $2,000 will be matched through the Hansen Foundation 1:1. When there are more than $10,000 dollars in the fund, an advisory or grant committee can select Glen Elder projects to be funded. Julia said the council will need to decide if the committee will be made up of local members or give power to the SVCF board to select projects that get funded. She said the money in the fund is invested by

the Solomon Valley Community Foundation. If the $10,000 is not reached, the money goes into the Solomon Valley Community Impact Fund. Julia added once the fund is established, it would be eligible to participate in Give to Grow on April 28,2027, which is a 50% match opportunity. The fund will be under a 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible. The council tabled the decision on the Glen Elder Community Fund and a final name until the November 2nd meeting.

There was some discussion about the different Mitchell County organizations; Solomon Valley Economic Development, Discover Mitchell County, and Solomon Valley Community Foundation. Lindsey made a motion to give $200 to the Solomon Valley Economic Development group. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the annual swimming pool reports. The council will hire a new pool manager after the first of the year. The clerk was instructed to have an ad for the manager's position, a job description, the updated pool manual, and information on lifeguard lessons at the November council meeting.

Residential Trash Contract

The current residential trash collection contract expires December 31, 2026. With the attorney's help, the clerk will send out invitation for bid letters to area trash collection companies. The city will take residential trash collection bids until 1:00 p.m. on October 30, 2026. The bids will be opened and awarded on November 2, 2026, at the regular council meeting.

Utility Rate Review

The council asked to have the utility rate review put on the November 2nd agenda. The clerk was instructed to forward the 2024 water and electric rate reviews and send the council the days of cash on hand for each fund.

Building Permit

Landen made a motion to approve building permit #26-13 – a new driveway, concrete work and slabs at 308 N. Center Street. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Sports Court Ribbon Cutting

The city is hosting a ribbon cutting for the renovated multi-sports court on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Employee Report

Devon said they got the loader back. He mentioned the crew is working on winter projects and getting the square ready for the Cook-off.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the September delinquent report. The clerk will email the connect report to the council as soon as the meeting is over.

The clerk informed the council that the city received an additional $1,603.99 from an anonymous donor, through the Greater Salina Community Foundation office, to purchase the two new AED machines. This fulfilled the remaining grant request. The AED machines will be here mid-November. The outdoor cabinet has already arrived, and the signs will be ordered this week.

The clerk mentioned she is working on the quarterly and annual KCC Electric Grant Reports that are due October 10th, 2026.

The clerk was instructed to start paying the city bills electronically. The Mayor asked the clerk to contact the auditor first.

Lindsey mentioned there is excessive sand on the streets in spots. Devon said they will get the streets swept.

Lori said the new width of Main Street, with the new curb and gutter, is wonderful going up the hill with the school bus.

Angie reminded everyone that this Saturday is the Annual Chili Cook-off.

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 8:30 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger,
City Clerk