

November 1, 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., November 1, 2021, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Landen Cleveland, Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Tyler Dunstan, Garry Clark, Cody Thompson, Thomas Depew, Lori Augustine, Kevin Noller, City Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 4, 2021, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounted to \$39,144.16, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric Coop, Kansas One-Call, Cawker City Ledger, CVA, and Municipal Supply bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program

The council discussed the participation in Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program for years 2022 through 2024, which requires the approval of Ordinance #741. Larry and Dan voiced their concern about the tax rebate program. Landen mentioned that it helped he and his wife with the building of their new home. Larry made a motion to vote on Ordinance #741. Dan seconded the motion. Landen voted to approve Ordinance #741. Dan, Larry, and Barry voted against Ordinance #741. Approval of Ordinance #741 failed.

Trash Collection Bids

Mayor Paxson opened two bids for residential trash collection. Slate's Wasteco LLC bid came in at \$10.00 and Dunstan Waste Solution's bid at \$18.60. Each bid is per customer per month. Tyler Dunstan said the county landfill fee is \$70.00 per ton. Slate's Wasteco didn't have an amount for the landfill disposal fee. A couple council members mentioned they like the trash containers provided by Dunstan. Barry said he would like to see the council accept the lower bid and save residents money. Dan made a motion to keep Dunstan Waste Solutions as residential trash collectors for the next five years and have the attorney draft a contract. Larry seconded the motion. The vote carried with three ayes. Barry voted against.

Council member Barry McPeak left the meeting.

Fire Department

Garry Clark asked the council for an increase in the allowance for the annual fireman's meal. He said steaks are more expensive and asked for \$18.00 per fireman this year. Landen made a motion to pay \$18.00 per fireman for the annual meal. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Garry said he would like to order the firemen t-shirts and sweatshirts. He would like the city logo on the front, like the employees have, and a fireman's flag on the back. Garry wasn't sure of the price yet and Landen asked for him to get bids and bring them to the next council meeting.

Garry mentioned if he has leftover budget, he would like to purchase two more air bottles. The council approved the purchase if he has the budget money.

Mayor Paxson presented the following fire department service certificates and pins:
Garry Clark - 20-year of service, and Cody Thompson - 15-year of service.

Executive Session

At 6:30pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor and council present. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

At 6:40pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Landen made a motion to pay the same Christmas bonus to the full-time employees as last year, \$650.00, \$300.00 to John, \$150.00 to Sarah, and \$75.00 to the treasurer. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

The council reviewed three bids for a new tractor. The lowest bid coming from Jewell Implement for a Case IH Farmall 75A with a loader for \$47,128.55. Eldon said the skid loader attachments will fit on this tractor. He stated the tractor is on the lot and available now. He told the council he would like to sell the old tractor online through Gravel Roads. The clerk checked with the auditor. She feels we have the money to transfer and purchase the tractor from the Equipment Reserve fund. Dan made the motion to purchase the Case I-H tractor from Jewell Implement for \$47,128.55. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

There was some discussion on the Abram pickup accident. Landed made a motion to have the attorney draft a release to be signed by the Abram's and pay the Abram's \$1,429.64 for the repairs of the pickup. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Clerk's Report

There was some discussion on the collection of the fire hydrant damage bill still due from CB Trucking Company. The council unanimously felt it best to take them to court for collection of this bill.

Council Reports

The council commented on how well the steak cook-off went on Saturday.

With no other business, Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk