

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
November 2, 2020**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., November 2, 2020 at City Hall with mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Darel seconded the motion and vote carried with four ayes. Barry arrived at the meeting. The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$43,627.47 plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric, Attorney, Cawker City Ledger, Solomon Valley Building Center, and Central Valley Ag bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the report from Code Officer James Reed on his October activities. James explained the complaints he received on the report. Darel asked James to check on a couple properties he would like to see mowed.

Fireman's Meal & Service Awards

The clerk informed the council \$14.00 per fireman has been paid for the annual meal the last several years. Landen made a motion to again pay \$14.00 per fireman for the annual fireman's meal. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The following fireman service awards were recognized: Terry Cunningham and Brent Cunningham both 20 years, and Joe Senger 25 years.

Fence Building Lines

Darel is upset because he has lost four feet of his property. Several years ago, he put his fence two feet inside the property line as directed by the building ordinance at the time. He wants the building permit ordinance reworded.

Building Permits

Eldon said he had looked at the building permits and they are both fine. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #20-25 a new backyard fence for Brandon Tritsch at 329 N. Nash Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building permit #20-18 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street was discussed by the council. The building plans for the dryer were re-done. The new plans have the dryer on the south side, tucked in between the grain bins. They include having a permanent 11,000-gallon propane tank placed south near the train tracks, just east of Mill Street. The two current portable propane tanks would be removed. It was noted that when the new dryer is not in use the propane tank would be emptied. The council asked to have elevator manager, Cody Richards come to the meeting.

City Income

The clerk went over exactly where the city receives income. She went through the list of taxes revenues and a list of non-tax revenues.

Executive Session

At 6:40 p.m. Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council present. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 6:50 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Christmas Bonus

Landen made a motion to give employees the same Christmas bonus as last year. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

CVA Building Permit

Cody Richards arrived at the meeting. Barry asked Cody exactly which crops would be dried in the new dryer, to which he replied corn and milo. Cody informed the council new dryers are loaded with safety features and everything is automated. He added the new dryer has only one moving part, on the bottom floor, which moves the grain that comes down the tubes from above. He mentioned it will be more functional to have the new dryer on the south side of the bins. He also stated that the old dryer will be removed. It was asked about the noise and dust. Cody said with the dryer on the south side neither noise or dust should be an issue. Darel mentioned he is concerned about the environmental effect on the city. He said he would like to see a study done. Darel also mentioned he does not want both dryers going and asked about getting a commitment to get the old dryer removed. Landen made a motion to vote on building permit #20-18 a new grain dryer on the south side of the grain bins and a new propane tank. The motion died for lack of second.

Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with two bids to repair Hobart Street. The bid from Bergkamp Construction (\$134,700.00) removes 12 inches of the street before resurfacing, and the bid from the Coughlin Company (\$84,389.30) removes 10 inches. Eldon mentioned he will want to hire a couple dump trucks to remove the street millings quicker. Eldon said there is a third option to choose from. He could purchase hot mix. The city crew could dig out and repair the bad spots, filling them with three to four inches of hot mix. Eldon said it would not be a permanent fix and may last only two to five years, but it would be cheaper costing around \$30,000.00.

Eldon also informed the council the chat supplier wants everyone to pre-order for next year. Eldon said he, and Gail before him, have always ordered 300 ton of chat every year without asking. He mentioned that we would need 400 ton if we resurface Hobart. Chat costs around \$40.00 per ton.

Eldon reported the pool repair and repaint job is complete. He said the contractor will come back in the spring to clean the pool and inspect the work. He said the contractor will do any touch-ups needed, free of charge.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk