

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
November 5, 2018**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 5, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack, Denise Jackson, Trevor Elkins, Beth Holling, Central Kansas Library System Representatives – Gail Santy, Mari Beth Schafer, and Patty Collins, Doug Scholl, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes. The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$42,384.55 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Insurance Agency

Trevor Elkins addressed the council. He is looking into building a new office for his insurance agency. He said he is interested in the City's corner lot south of the square at Kansas and Market Streets. He would like to relocate his office in the spring and has been pricing buildings and looking into all his options. Trevor asked the council how much they would ask for the lot. It was mentioned the council would prefer a clause if nothing is built on the lot; it would go back to the City. The Council said they will look at the property and come up with a proposal.

Library

Beth Holling informed the council an engineer from CKLS feels the current library building is unsafe and should be condemned. The library board gave council members pictures and information on the building's current condition. They stated Glen Elder has an amazing Librarian and our library provides a vital service to the community. The council reviewed the library statistics and educational programming information. The library would like to purchase the HeBrews building and asked the City to continue to provide the library with utilities. Beth said grants would be applied for and asked the council to allow the library to use the City's 501(c)3 status. CKLS representatives stated that the large room could be rented out and they would assist the library board in drafting a rental agreement. It was mentioned CKLS would utilize the space for their regional meetings as well. The council agreed the library is important to the community and would continue to help with the utilities and the grant money.

Parallel Electric Generation

Attorney Schroeder explained the standards for renewable parallel electric generation and ordinance #717 establishing a policy and rate schedule. She stated this new policy is to protect our utility and the other customers. She said KMU and KMEA developed the model standards and recommended the council adopt them. Katie also suggested we address the location of solar panels and where the council will allow them. Barry made a motion to approve ordinance #717 establishing renewable parallel generation policy and standards for customer-owned renewable electric generation facilities. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Pickup

Eldon asked the council's permission to purchase a 2007 Chevy 2500 extended cab pickup for \$9,750.00. He said the pickup would be used as the City's main tool vehicle, and they need something large enough to pull the new suc-vac machine. Eldon said they would clean up the white Ford pickup and we could sell it. He mentioned he had enough money in his equipment reserve fund. Sheila made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2007 Chevy 2500 pickup. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. The council will discuss how to sell the white Ford pickup at the December meeting. Getting door decals was briefly discussed.

Streets

Eldon asked the council's permission to get on the 2019 Hall Brothers list for Onyx sealing the streets. The bid is for \$48,392.85 or \$1.39/SY. He mentioned he would like to seal the streets on the hill first and finish up with a few streets downtown. He hopes they can seal the streets in June or July and it will be a couple day job. Eldon said the Onyx sealant bid is \$20,000.00 cheaper than hiring a company to chip and seal the streets. Landen made a motion to approve Onyx sealing the streets by Hall Brothers. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

ATV Requirements

There was some discussion on the ATV permit application and changes for a new ordinance. The subject was tabled until next month.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #18-19 a new car port and concrete slab for the Senior Center at 113 S. Mill Street. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. There was some discussion on previously approved building permit #18-4 for Terry Raymer. The attorney will send him a letter requesting he fill out a new building permit and pay the difference from the old permit and corrected building amount as turned into the county.

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m. Sheila made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes, with the mayor, attorney, and council present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

At 8:20 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Utility Rates

The council tabled the discussion on utility rates until December.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Barry made a motion to give Christmas bonuses as follows: full-time employees \$650.00, the office assistant \$300.00 and the treasurer \$75.00; less withholdings. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council firemen Tracy Anderes and Kyle Thompson will receive 10-years of service pins and certificates this month. She also mentioned the three new trash cans for the square have arrived. The trash cans were purchased with funds from the Dane G. Hansen Clean Up Grant.

Council Report

Ryan and Eldon met with the Mitchell County Commissioners last month and asked for more tax money or assistance with street repairs due to the high truck traffic going to the flats east of town. He mentioned the county is willing to help cost share with Kansas Street repairs. Ryan said they will meet with the commissioners again in the spring.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk