

November 7, 2022

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2022, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Kaetlin Hyman, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 3, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounted to \$87,091.40, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Pool Manager

Kaetlin Hyman introduced herself and told the council how she grew up in town, enjoying the swimming pool every summer. She now has a daughter and wants her to be able to enjoy the pool like she did. Kaetlin said she would like to be the pool manager multiple years. Angie made a motion to hire Kaetlin Hyman as the pool manager at \$800.00 per month, May through August. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Kaetlin will begin looking for lifeguards for the upcoming season.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the short code enforcement report from James Reed for October's activity.

Mitchell County Murals

Due to the end of the season, the Glen Elder murals will be painted in the spring. The council discussed matching donations to increase funds for the murals. A large mural will be painted on the Cunningham building up by the dam and a smaller mural will be painted on the back of the sign in the square. Landen made a motion to start matching donations for Glen Elder's murals now, up to \$2,000.00. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

National Flood Insurance Program

The council reviewed the ordinance information sent by attorney Scott Wright for the National Flood Insurance Program Participation. After some discussion, the council tabled passing an ordinance until the new floodplain maps are completed.

Utility Rates

The council briefly discussed utility rates and utility connection rates. They asked the clerk to contact other towns in the area to see what their rates are. A work session will be held at 6:00 pm on December 5th to discuss utility rates, utility connection rates, and the flood insurance program.

Building Permits

Dan Winkel said both building permits were good. Landen made a motion to approve the building permit #22-19 new concrete slabs for Eldon Behymer at 512 N. Vine Street, and #22-20 a new chain link fence for Georgia Putman at 105 S. Hobart Street. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Christmas Bonus

At 7:43 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council members present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:53 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Landen made a motion to pay the following Christmas Bonuses: \$650.00 to each the four full-time employees, \$150.00 to the office assistant, and \$75.00 to the treasurer. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Angie abstained from the vote.

At 7:54 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with Eldon, the mayor, and council members present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:04 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council good used oiler trucks are hard to find and will cost around \$50,000.00 to \$80,000.00. He recommends the city hire a crew to come oil and chat the streets. He said a professional crew is much more efficient and quicker than what the city guys can do the job. Eldon recommends hiring the crew from Scott City. He said they are cheaper and have done Glen Elder streets in the past. Eldon suggested hiring the crew in the next year or two. He said they would be able to do half the town, then in two years hire them to do the other half. Now that we have a good base on the two main truck route streets, he suggested keeping a rotation of oiling and chatting the streets with a hired crew. He mentioned the city does have a good 300-gallon spot oiler that they will continue to use. Eldon said since quartzite is no longer available, they are discussing using sand on the streets instead of rock. Devon mentioned he feels the yellow rock is good for the streets on the hill.

Eldon presented the council with two bids for a new skid loader. He said they would like to trade in the larger 2018 Bobcat now, then in two years trade the smaller 2018 Bobcat. Eldon said John Deere wants to get back into a program with us where we trade in skid loaders every year for a fee per hour, after we purchase the new skid loader. Carrico Implement is giving the best trade in value and the new machine will cost \$25,209.44. Eldon said he has that amount in his Equipment Reserve Fund. He mentioned they put on approximately 100 hours per year on each machine. Barry made a motion to purchase a new 2023 skid loader from Carrico Implement for \$25,209.44 with the trade in of the larger 2018 Bobcat, and enter into an agreement with John Deere to trade in skid loaders every year. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon informed the council the lead & copper surveys will be sent out to residents with utility bills this month. Devon said the automatic deposit of paychecks worked. Eldon mentioned there is a lead & copper workshop in Concordia on Tuesday, December 6th if any council members want to attend.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented the council with a \$9,690.50 bid for new accounting and payroll software. She said the software functions much like the software currently used; with more bells, whistles, better support, and more future capabilities. After more discussion, Angie made a motion to accept the bid for the gWorks accounting and payroll software. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk informed the council Emily Benedick, Solomon Valley Economic Director, will start holding quarterly office hours on the second Wednesday in Glen Elder. She has scheduled January 11 and April 12, 2023 to use the back office.

The clerk mentioned getting started on the grant application to replace south fence at the Pioneer Cemetery. A fence style will be selected and she said a donation was received for the project, as a result of the fall newsletter.

The council gave permission to close the office on Wednesday, November 23rd, making the office closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday that week.

Council Report

There was a brief discussion about the maintenance position open.

Sheila said that Bob Kastrup informed her the Olivia Neifert Estate made a donation to the library.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk