

December 2, 2019

**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., December 2, 2019 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Austen Hamilton, James Reed, Brent Cunningham, Garry Clark, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Oath of Office

The Clerk took the following oaths: Landen Cleveland, Darel Stuart and Barry McPeak as council members, and James Reed as Code Enforcement Officer.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$60,331.66 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and Lock-it bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Darel seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed reported that he has not received any complaints. He informed the council he drives around town once a week. He mentioned that he does travel with his full-time job but can be reached by email or phone. James gave the council his business card.

Ordinance #728

Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #728 allowing ATV, work-site, micro utility vehicles, and golf carts to be operated within the corporate limits of the City, provided the operator has a valid driver's license. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fire Department

Glen Elder Volunteer Fire Department Secretary, Brent Cunningham, informed the council that Kansas is one of just two states that participate in the Firefighter Relief Act program. These funds are used for payments to those injured or killed as a firefighter. The funds can also be used for pensions to members who have served for not less than 20 years. Brent has been working with the City Attorney to draft a change to their bylaws. He said the bylaw change will be voted on by the members at the next fire department meeting on December 11.

City Attorney Resignation

Barry made a motion to accept the resignation of Katie Schroeder as of December 31, 2019. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mill & Kansas Intersection

Eldon reported having problems getting bids on yellow overhead flashing lights. He also mentioned the need to install additional poles at the corner to support a flashing light. The council decided they would like to have a yield sign put in a barrel at the intersection and update the ordinance for such a sign. Painting a crosswalk from the store east to the park to make it safer for

pedestrians was discussed. It was noted that the traffic counter is here and will be installed tomorrow. Barry mentioned concern for the intersection of Hobart and Main Streets.

CMB Licenses

Darel made a motion to approve the 2020 on and off-premises CMB licenses for Austen Hamilton at Outdoor Memories. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #19-16 to move in a storage and a garden shed for Megan Wilcoxson at 322 N. Hobart Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Clerk's Report

The council discussed the resignation of the pool manager. The clerk asked if the council would approve the hire of one or two of the older guards as manager(s), like several years ago. The council approved the idea.

Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m. Landen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the mayor and council present. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:05 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Wage Review

Barry made a motion to increase the four full-time employee wages by .50¢ per hour, Rick Gruwell's hourly wage by .25¢, the summer help by .25¢ per hour and hire co-managers for the pool at \$10.00 per hour. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Council

Barry made a motion to move the council meeting times up to 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month, effective January 1st. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Compliments were received on the new LED Christmas lights and there was some discussion on the amount of decorations in the park. It was mentioned that we may need to expand to new areas to display the decorations as no one wants to get them too congested in the square.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk