

December 3, 2018

**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 3, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Lori Augustine, Austin Clark, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$39,945.15 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and attorney bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

New ATV Ordinance

The council reviewed the new ATV Ordinance #718. Permits will be \$10.00 per ATV for a regular non-refundable application fee. Patrons will receive a dated permit to be placed on their ATV. Permits will be due by January 31st of each year. Katie suggested the late fee be waived for the first year, therefore beginning in the year 2020, renewed permits purchased after January 31st will have a late fee of \$10.00 added to the regular application fee. Katie also mentioned a temporary permit may be purchased for \$2.00 with a completed form. Barry made a motion to approve ATV Ordinance #718 and the new application form. Ken seconded the motion, the vote carried with five ayes.

Library Board

Sheila made a motion to appoint the following Library Board positions: Lisa Jermark to fill the vacant seat with a term to end in 2020 and Doug Scholl to fill the vacant seat with a term that ends in 2019. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. It was noted that Roberta Kusler will be resigning from the board effective December 31, 2018 and there is still a vacancy on the Library board.

CMB Licenses

Ken made a motion to approve the 2019 on and off premises cereal malt beverage licenses for Austen Hamilton, DBA Outdoor Memories Taxidermy & Sporting Goods. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Utility Rates

The council discussed electric rates. Ken made a motion to increase rates per kilowatt hour by 5% across the board and increase the residential monthly customer charge \$2.00 and commercial monthly customer charge \$6.00. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The power demand charge was discussed by the council. It was a consensus that the power demand charged to customers should reset monthly, to match how the city is billed from the supplier.

Building Permit

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #18-20 a new dog pen and concrete slab for Joe Wildfong at 106 N. Marshall Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Landen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the mayor and attorney present. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:35 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Wage Review

Ken made a motion to increase full-time employee wages by \$1.00 per hour. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

2001 Ford F150

Eldon said he started advertising for the 2001 Ford pickup last month on social media. The council discussed selling the pickup by sealed bids that will be opened at the January 7, 2019 meeting. It was noted that the pickup has been kept in a garage since the city has owned it.

Employee Report

Eldon asked for permission to install an in-ground sprinkler system in the park. He had Brian Garmin look at the park. Brian will design the system and assist them with installation for \$8,000 to \$10,000. Eldon said they will need to run a new 2" waterline to the park and they will be removing some of the older tall trees on the north side. The council asked that they replace some trees. Larry made a motion to approve the new sprinkler system. Ken seconded the motion, the vote carried with four ayes and Barry voted against it.

Eldon informed the council that some of the Christmas decorations need to be replaced. He said they are expensive and they can replace a few at a time. Katie mentioned the Community Foundation Grant may be able to help purchase new decorations. She said the grant application is on-line and the upcoming deadline is February 1st.

Eldon mentioned that he would like to upgrade to electric-read water and electric meters. He would like the meter salesman to come visit with the council at a work session sometime in February or March. Eldon mentioned the project would be expensive, somewhere around \$60,000.00, but would like to do it in sections. Eldon said the state recommends changing water meters every ten years and a large share of our meters are 20 years old and older. The topic will be put on the January agenda.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council about CD renewals, new interest rates and how well things are going with Guaranty State Bank. The Clerk asked about closing for Christmas Eve and the council felt it would be okay to close the office in the afternoon.

Council Report

Sheila asked employees to be sure to clock-in on time and not to over-do on breaks.

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 8:23 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk