

December 4, 2023

## **Glen Elder City Council Minutes December 4, 2023**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 4, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Ryan Duskie, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Lindsey & Garry Clark, James Reed, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### **Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the November 6, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounted to \$48,465.83, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

### **Code Enforcement**

James Reed asked the council if they had any concerns around town. The council asked him to visit with a couple property owners about cleaning up their properties, and a semi-truck that is parked overnight on Nash Street.

### **New Truck**

Ryan Duskie and Landen Cleveland arrived. The council went to the fire station to look at the new fire truck purchased from Michigan in November.

### **Council Members**

Mayor Paxson thanked Dan Winkel for his years of service as a council member and presented him with a certificate. She thanked Ryan Duskie for his previous and current time of service as mayor and a council member. She presented him with a certificate and gift card.

The Clerk took the following oaths from newly elected council members: Landen Cleveland, Lindsey Clark, and Kevin Noller. The new council members took their seats at the table.

### **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Garry Clark asked for permission to sell the 1992 Pierce fire truck as soon as possible. He would like to list it on Purple Wave with a right to refuse or a reserve amount. After a brief discussion of other possible sites to sell the truck on, Landen made a motion to list the truck for sale, with a reserve of \$10,000.00. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Garry informed the council the fire department received a donation of \$2,280.00 from the sale of the Cawker City First Baptist Church.

### **First Impressions Program**

Angie Behymer informed the council two more of the Glen Elder committee members need to make their visits to Grainfield, Kansas. She said the Grainfield committee has been trained, but she isn't sure if they have visited Glen Elder yet. She is expecting the community presentation to be held after the first of the year.

### **Neighborhood Revitalization Program**

The council reviewed the emails from Emily Benedick concerning the Neighborhood Revitalization Program renewal for Glen Elder. The council briefly discussed the program. Angie made a motion to renew participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Water Grants**

The council reviewed the emails from Bri Beck and Stuart Porter concerning the State Water Plan Funds grants and the Technical Assistance Grant funds available. The council asked the clerk to check with Bri to see if Glen Elder is eligible for the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG). The TAG funds would be used to pay for a “project design” drawn up by engineers for our waterline replacement, which is required by the state for the project to proceed. Lori made a motion to proceed with the TAG application if we qualify. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Executive Sessions**

At 7:45 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, Devon, and attorney present. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:55 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, Jerri, and attorney present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:00 pm Landen made a motion to extend the executive session for another 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, Jerri, and attorney present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:10 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 8:11 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, and attorney present. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:21 pm Landen made a motion to extend the executive session for another 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, and attorney present. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:40 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

### **Wage Review**

Landen made a motion to increase full-time and part-time wages by 5%. Increase the Attorney to \$120.00 per hour and the Judge to \$450.00 per year. Increase the code officer by 5% and the swimming pool employees will be discussed closer to the season. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Lindsey abstained.

### **Employee Report**

Devon informed the council the KMEA rep was here and advised which breaker is needed for the sub-station. Devon said the last time the old breaker worked was in 2017. He said the cost of a re-manufactured breaker is \$16,030.00 and would be 15-weeks out on

receiving it. He stated Prairie Land would need to install the breaker, when it comes in. The council tabled any decision on the breaker until January.

Devon said the Christmas lighting went well. He mentioned they moved the Glen Elder limestone sign from north of the car wash, to the east entrance of town near the blending building.

#### **Clerk's Report**

The council reviewed the November utility connect report. The clerk asked if any of the council had ID.ME identification with the IRS, Angie and Lindsey both do. The clerk advised the council to be careful opening the emails from the League, as a spam email was received last week.

#### **Council Report**

Landen mentioned the Christmas lights in the square look awesome this year.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk