

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
December 5, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 5, 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: Kevin Noller, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 7 & 21, 2022, meetings 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 November amounted to \$65,809.36, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, Fireman's meal, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Utility Rates

Landen made a motion to increase the monthly customer charge for water and sewer by \$2.00 each. Set the water connect fee at \$250.00. Increase the monthly customer charge for electric by \$2.00 and increase the charge per kilowatt hour by 5%. Set the electric connect fee at \$100.00. Increase the monthly trash fee to \$19.00 per customer. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Dan voted against the motion. The clerk will draft new ordinances to be approved at the January meeting.

Central Tank Coatings

Angie made a motion to approve the water tower cleaning and inspection contract with Central Tank Coatings for \$3,000.00 in each of the following years; 2025, 2028, and 2031. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Leave Time

The council discussed vacation and sick leave time. Angie made a motion to change the vacation policy to 10 days the employee's first year, and if hired mid-year the council will pro-rate the 10 days. Allow employees to carry over just five days of vacation time into the new year. Employees must use all vacation and sick leave time, before taking any time off, without pay. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Wages

At 7:37 pm Angie made a motion to go into executive session for 13 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council members present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:50 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 wages; Devon to make \$25.00 per hour and to become Supervisor as of January 1, 2023, Eldon to make \$23.50 per hour, John to make \$18.50 per hour, and Jerri to make \$21.50 per hour. All other wages will be discussed in the future as needed. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Angie abstained from the vote.

Employee Report

Eldon reported putting some of the Hobart Street millings on the south block of College Street. He said the millings are finer than the millings off of Kansas Street and they don't pack as well. He asked permission to start selling half of the millings they have on hand. The council approved selling half of the Hobart Street millings; only to folks in city limits at \$10.00 per ton and the millings must be spread inside city limits.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reminded the council Emily Benedick, Solomon Valley Economic Director, will be using the back office on Wednesday, January 11 from 9 am to 4 pm.

The council reviewed the membership letter from SVED and asked the clerk to contact Emily about the request.

Council Report

The council commented on how great the Christmas lights look and how well the lighting went.

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 8:12 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk