

December 7, 2020

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., December 7, 2020 at City Hall with mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members: Darel Stuart, Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Heather Hartman, James Reed, Attorney Tim Demel, Eldon Behymer and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$87,471.12 were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

City Sales Tax

Heather Hartman, Mitchell County Community Development Director, gave a list of cities in the area with city sales taxes. The council asked for her help getting the correct information to residents. The council would like to use the tax money to pay for general infrastructure, with no sunset. Heather assisted both Beloit and Cawker City when their city sales taxes were passed. She suggested forming a committee of three to five folks to go out and visit with residents and business owners. Heather also suggested hiring North Central Regional Planning Commission to develop a capital improvement plan. She said then folks can come in and view the plan. This will let them see exactly what the city sales tax money will be used for and the timeline at which it will be utilized. The council unanimously expressed their desire to move forward on getting a capital improvement plan developed.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer James Reed said he had a busy month. The council reviewed the report on his November activities.

Fence Building Lines

The council discussed building permit fence setbacks. The building permit ordinance states residents can either build fences one foot from the property line, or put the fence along the property line if the property has been surveyed and/or there is a written agreement with the adjoining neighbor.

Building Permits

The council discussed building permit #20-18 to erect a new grain dryer for Central Valley Ag at 108 Railroad Street. There was a lengthy, heated discussion. Darel made a motion to stop any further discussion on the CVA dryer permit until an EPA and OSHA environmental study on the impact of the new dryer is received. Larry seconded the motion. Barry voted for the motion. Landen and Sheila voting against the motion. Motion Carried.

Executive Sessions

At 6:55 p.m. Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council and Jerri present. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 7:00 p.m. Darel made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 7:10 p.m. Darel made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council and Eldon present. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Wage Review

Barry made a motion to give the four full-time employees a .25 cent raise per hour. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen made a motion to pay the pool manager a salary of \$2,800.00 for the season, as in the past, and to award sick leave in January of each year for leave to be earned in the upcoming year. Darel seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he will order chat from a company outside of Manhattan, which is cheaper than the supplier he mentioned last month. He said Abram Ready-Mix will haul the chat with end-dumps, which saves the city manpower and fuel pushing it into a pile. He said the 2020 budget had a little extra street money, so he already purchased two loads of chat.

Eldon presented the council with a bid from Hall Brothers to overlay Hobart Street, from Kansas Street North to Porter Street. The bid of \$106,011.00 will edge mill and overlay 1.5" with hot mix. It was noted on the bid that the overlay will increase the crown of the street. Eldon said the street will not need oiled and chatted with this type of overlay, stating that expense would be saved. Darel suggested the city crew dig up Hobart between Porter and the Highway to install perforated pipe and gravel under the street. He feels it is important to get the groundwater that is flowing down from the hill under the street diverted into proper drains.

Eldon informed the council the pole globes in the park are all original from the early 2000's and several are broken from hail damage. He said it will cost about \$1,500.00 to replace the globes. The council asked him to contact the insurance agent about a claim on the globes.

Clerk Report

The Clerk explained the transfers from the light to the general and capital improvement funds. She asked to use her last vacation day on December 24th and the council gave permission to close the office that day. The May fire hydrant damage bill was briefly discussed. Tim will contact the business owner. The paperwork required for employees needing COVID leave was briefly discussed.

The City Attorney expressed some concerns. Larry left the meeting.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

(These are unofficial minutes, until approved at the next council meeting!)
Jerri Senger, City Clerk