

February 2, 2026

**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., February 2, 2026, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Tyron Gruwell, Garry Clark, Linn Bickel, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

**Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounted to \$65,913.23, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas One-call, Kansas Gas Service, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lori made a motion to approve the claims. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Multi-Sport Court Renovation Report**

The council reviewed the bids from Mid-American Courtworks, Tennis Courts Unlimited, Inc., and SMC Concrete and Construction, LLC to renovate the basketball/tennis court. There was quite a bit of discussion. Council members requested a visual of what the plans are for the presented bids. The council decided they preferred a two-colored concrete court and a local contractor. The council asked Devon for a complete cost estimate on the portion of the project the city crew will be doing: the lighting, light poles, electrical, goals and nets, etc., plus the engineer survey cost.

To date, the city has received approximately \$190,442.00 for the project. The T-Mobile Grant has not yet been awarded.

The council asked for some revisions to the bids from SMC and they set up a special meeting to be held Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council they applied for the Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant to help purchase new bunker gear. Garry stated one of his firemen resigned, which reduces the number of gear needed.

**Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer Lucas Wiseman went over his January code report. Lucas will invite Laura Evaristo to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting concerning her dogs.

City Attorney Scott Wright said he will re-word his Order of Violation for Tracy Smith's vehicle nuisances. Once the new document is signed, Lucas will deliver the notice. Scott said Tracy will have ten days to abate the violation or request a hearing before the governing body. He added, failure to abate the violation may result in prosecution. Landen made a motion to approve the Order of Violation for Tracy Smith. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Transfer Fee Ordinance #771**

The council briefly discussed the updated utility policy, which is given to new utility customers. Angie made a motion to approve Ordinance #771 amending the utility connection fees to include a \$25.00 utility transfer fee. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

**Electric Utility Rates**

Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #772 amending the electrical rates charged by the city, as voted on at the December 1, 2025, council meeting. Kevin seconded the motion and the

vote carried with five ayes. These new electric rates will become effective with the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meter readings.

### **Glen Haven Housing Board**

Kevin made a motion to appoint Carolyn Fobes to the Glen Haven Housing Board, replacing Deb Martin. Carolyn's term will begin immediately. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Winter Clothing Allowance**

Mayor Paxson asked the council to consider giving the city employees a winter clothing allowance. There was some discussion on the topic. Devon mentioned that rubber boots and coats are the greatest need. The council asked the clerk to check with other cities about what they do for winter clothing allowances.

### **Water Emergency Plan**

Lori made a motion to approve the 2026 Water Emergency Plan. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Employee Health Insurance**

The employees' Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance premiums increased 10.6% from last year. Landen made a motion to approve the grandfathered Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan for 2026. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Verizon Tower Lease**

Verizon wants to add new antennas and equipment to the water tower, and they have proposed adding a 30-kW generator. The council discussed the current lease with Verizon. The clerk was asked to email Verizon about renegotiating the rent.

### **Building Permits**

Without receiving the application fee, the Verizon building permit application was tabled until the next council meeting.

### **Employee Report**

Devon said the dump truck is done and ready to use. He mentioned the snow removal went well.

### **Clerk's Report**

The council reviewed the January connect & delinquent reports.

The clerk said the KCC grant Build America Buy America (BABA) waiver was submitted and rejected last month, as a total of three distributors are required for the waiver. Two more distributors will be found, and the BABA waiver will be resubmitted.

### **Council**

The council asked the clerk to invite a Discover Mitchell County representative to come to the March meeting.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk