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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 5, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Ken Kusler, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Tyler Bletscher, Tom Whoolery, Ginger Thull, Eva Delay, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Garry Clark, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes. The claims on hand for the month of January amounting to \$73,013.91 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Damaged Sprinkler System

Tom Whoolery informed the council that additional sprinklers on the west side of his property were damaged by the sidewalk crew. He mentioned the city employees repaired the first sprinklers that were damaged. Tom presented a bill for \$507.30 for repairs to five damaged sprinklers. Tom said his pool installation crew only accessed the northeast area of his property. The mayor asked why it took so long after completion of the project for him to present his bill. Barry McPeak mentioned when the sidewalk crew was done at his Mother's property they immediately turned on the sprinklers and repairs to her damaged sprinklers were done right away. Tom then asked the City to pay for half the repair bill. After more discussion Ken made a motion to pay half the repair bill to Tom's damaged sprinklers. The motion died due to lack of a second. Tom said for future projects the City needs to get bonded, he even suggested requiring a license and fee for contractors working in the future.

Pioneer Cemetery

Ginger Thull with the North Central Kansas Genealogical Society addressed the council. She and her organization would like to see some improvements made to the pioneer cemetery located on the hill and owned by the City. She mentioned that the cemetery was closed in the early 1900's and by their records approximately 80 folks are buried there. Improvements she mentioned included a kiosk listing the names of the buried, a new fence along the south side, repair to broken stones, a flag pole to honor the military buried there, and possibly a bench. She said the kiosk, fence, and stone repairs are their priority. Ginger applied for the Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant on February 1st in hopes that the City would grant permission for the group's improvement project ideas. Barry made a motion to give the genealogical society permission to proceed with the grant funds and the project. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. The council asked the group to come back if they receive the grant and to keep in contact with Eldon during the project.

State Park Projects

Park Manager, Tyler Bletscher asked the council and those present for community support on their park improvement projects. He said the Visitor's Center has new plumbing, new bathrooms, heating, and air conditioning. The plan is to move the Waconda Springs mural along with other historical artifacts to create the Waconda Visitor & Educational Center. He also applied

for the Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant to purchase UV film for the windows and to purchase lettering to go on the glass display cases. The building is ADA compliant and will be open April through September from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and by appointments during the winter. He would like to see school groups utilize the facility and their goal is to preserve and pass on the unique heritage of the area. The Park has also been remodeling the Church basement and has plans to repair the Waconda Springs Replica. Tyler would like to see a group of local folks form an organization to support and help the Park promote the history of the area and the projects they have going on at the Park.

Housing Board

Barry made a motion to approve the resignation of Darren Zimmer and approve Pamela Wheeler to the Glen Haven Housing Board. Ken seconded the motion that he vote carried with three ayes.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council the Lincoln Rural Fire Department got all new air packs and they are selling their old packs for \$150.00 each. He asked permission to purchase six of their old air packs. These packs along with what the department already owns would give him enough for his crew plus two extra. The council unanimously approved the purchase. There was a discussion on purchasing the old ambulance that is used for fire equipment. Garry said the vehicle is in good shape and it makes a great equipment van. The council approved the purchase and asked Garry to report back next month.

Public Restroom Sign

Sheila reported that she is waiting on bids for a metal sign from Bell Memorials and Winkel Manufacturing. She said a brass sign would be much too expensive.

Code Enforcement

The Mayor visited with a gentleman that is interested in the code enforcement position and he will be at the March meeting.

Annual Appointments

Barry made a motion to approve the annual appointments made by Mayor Duskie. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Mayor Duskie made the following annual appointments:

Council President	Sheila Paxson
Municipal Judge:	Jim Johnson
City Attorney:	Katie Schroeder
City Official Paper:	Cawker City Ledger
Financial Institution:	Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
City Clerk:	Jerri Senger
City Superintendent:	Eldon Behymer
City Maintenance:	Devon Housh
City Maintenance:	Garry Clark
City Treasurer:	Linda Mick
Fire Chief:	Garry Clark
Assistant Fire Chief:	Cody Thompson

Insurance Agency: Linton Insurance

Light Committee: Ch: Ken Kusler, Tracy Anderes, Sheila Paxson
Water/Swim Pool Committee: Ch: Barry McPeak, Ken Kusler, Larry Wheeler
Street/Alley/Sidewalk Committee: Ch: Larry Wheeler, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak
Park/Building Permit Committee: Ch: Eldon Behymer, Tracy Anderes, Sheila Paxson
Cemetery Committee: Ch: Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak, Larry Wheeler
Budget Committee: Ch: Ryan Duskie and all Council Members

City Council Meetings:

1st Monday night each month at 7:00 p.m., unless a Holiday, then will be held the following night.

Authorize Clerk to pay payroll 1st of each Month.

Authorize City Clerk to pay bills prior to meeting night to avoid paying penalties.

Ordinance

Ken made a motion to approve Ordinance #712 allowing up to six chickens, no roosters, per residence with specific shelter restrictions. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he will bring up purchasing more of the black street sealant at the March meeting. He did mention that he will be ordering chat this month. Eldon told the council he would like to purchase a 300 gallon suck-vac machine on a trailer. He informed the council of all the different uses of a suck-vac and how much easier it would be to own one instead of borrowing one. He will get prices and report back to the council. Eldon said that the last new 590 Bobcat will be arriving this month and in June the last 650 Bobcat will be arriving. He said the 5-year contract is over.

Clerk Report

The clerk informed the council the Blue Cross/Blue Shield employee health and dental insurance premiums increased 3.93%. Barry made a motion to appoint Eldon to the KMEA Board of Director #2 position. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Greg German has given the website a full facelift. The clerk invited everyone to check out the wonderful changes made to the site at www.glenelder.com. The clerk informed the council the 2019 budget done by Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk, & Loyd will cost \$1,545.00 plus out of pocket expenses. She asked the council for permission to do the 2019 budget herself. The council liked the idea of saving the money. The clerk asked about purchasing items on Amazon and setting up an Amazon Prime account. The council agreed that items can be purchased much cheaper from the site and gave their permission.

Council Report

There was a brief discussion on the progress of the City Hall remodel. Eldon will contact John Senger on the front step in front of the new door.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. *(These are unofficial minutes, until approved at the next council meeting!)*

Jerri Senger, City Clerk