

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
February 5, 2024**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 5, 2024, 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: Scott Smith, James Reed, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 2, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounted to \$68,034.05, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Code officer James Reed reported working with a resident on his property clean-up, but it is not going well and over the years no real progress can be seen.

The council asked James to drive around and look at the buildings in town. Some are getting in pretty bad shape.

James informed the council his full-time job is with the state board of EMS. He would like the city to register the AED's in town and make sure they are all fully functioning. He also suggested training employees for first aide and how to use AED's. James suggested having an AED unit the public could access at any time day or night. Having one somewhere in or around the square was mentioned.

First Impressions Program & Murals

Angie Behymer reported First Impressions Program pictures will be taken on February 9th and she hopes to know a meeting date by the next council meeting.

Health & Dental Insurance

The council reviewed the information on the city's Blue Cross Blue Shield health and dental insurance group renewal. Premiums decreased 22% from the 2023 amounts. Landen made a motion to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy renewal for April 1st, 2024. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed the suggested updates to the capital improvement plan made by Devon and Jerri, since the January meeting. The clerk was asked to contact the auditor about moving the booster station generator to infrastructure on the capital improvement plan.

Utility Rates

The council briefly discussed the utility rate information the clerk provided. The council asked the clerk to contact KMEA or KMU to conduct a rate study for the city. The topic was tabled until next month.

Water Emergency Plan

The council reviewed the updated water emergency plan for the city. Landen made a motion to approve the plan as written. Lori seconded the motion. The vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permit

Kevin made a motion to approve building permit #24-1 - a new grain bin gazebo for Darel Stuart at 121 S. Mill Street. Lindsey seconded the motion. The vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Devon mentioned he purchased approximately \$1,000.00 of crushed concrete to put in the muddy alleys. He said it only did about half the alleys in town. He stated he would like to purchase more crushed concrete and has the money in his budget.

Devon said the car wash has been very busy the last week and a half.

Devon asked permission to order the stand-by 3-phase 25 KVA generator for the booster station up by the water tower. He stated the shipped price from Boettcher Supply is \$19,680.51. Landen made a motion to approve the purchase of the new generator, as long as the auditor approves it to be considered infrastructure and it's paid for out of the capital improvement plan. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon said he will start ordering a few new crossarms for the baseball field lights.

Devon stated the Pierce Fire Truck was sold on Purple Wave Auction for \$3,800.00 and the new owner picked up the truck Saturday, February 3rd.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council of only one utility transfer and two disconnected RV spots in January.

The clerk asked for permission to attend the CCMFOA Spring Clerk's Conference in Manhattan on March 20 - 22, 2024. The registration fee is \$325.00 plus hotel fees. The council granted permission to attend the conference.

The Clerk informed the council Kaetlin Hyman had sent an email stating she is fully staffed for this summer's pool season.

Council Report

Lindsey informed the council she received a phone call from Tiffany (Linton) Schroeder. Tiffany is the owner of Linton Insurance and stated that she owns and will continue to own property in Glen Elder. She would've liked a chance to present a proposal for the EMC Insurance policy, like Trevor Elkins did.

Landen stated he would like all employees to be certified in CPR and how to use the AED machine in the office. He would also like the certification to be added to the personnel handbook.

With no other business, Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk