

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
February 6, 2023**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 6, 2023, 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: Scott Smith, James Reed, Annette Ybarra, Mike Poell, Kevin Noller, Andrew Clark, Eldon Behymer, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 3, 2023, meeting 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 January amounted to \$65,465.33, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

James Reed, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the council he contacted the owner of the truck on East Allen Street that hasn't been moved for over a year. The owners will be getting a new key and moving the vehicle by the end of the month. James said his full-time job has doubled his duties and he will try to keep up with his code enforcement job duties.

Scott Smith

Scott Smith introduced himself. He has been a full-time Glen Elder resident for four years. He asked the council if something could be done about the summer residents that don't pick up the leaves in their yards. The council asked him to talk to his neighbors. Scott asked about getting some of the street millings at his residence. The council told him to contact Devon.

Poell & Ybarra

Mike Poell and Annette Ybarra informed the council the steep angle of their driveway at 333 North Hobart causes damaged to RV's and boats. They are willing to pay for equipment use to fix their driveway. They said they are also interested in the utility rates and ordinances to be discussed.

Utility Connect & Rate Ordinances

Attorney Scott Wright explained the updates to the utility ordinances. He has contacted the League about the water rate ordinance, #747, and hasn't received a response yet. Scott also suggested the council consider overhauling Chapter 15 on utilities, of the city codes. The city last codified ordinances in 2014. Dan expressed his concern about changing the connection ordinance at this time, when so many folks have their utilities temporarily off. After reviewing the ordinances and the changes made, Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #746 setting new connect fees. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes; Dan voted against. A decision on Ordinance #747 was tabled until the March meeting. Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #748 setting new sewer utility rates. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #749 setting new trash rates. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen made a

motion to approve Ordinance #750 setting new electric utility rates. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council reviewed the utility policy with the updated rates. The clerk informed the council new customers get the utility policy sheet when they sign up for utilities. The council asked the clerk to make sure the policy is on the website, www.glenelder.com.

Street Repairs

Devon Housh informed the council the bid to hire B & H Paving to come oil and sand the streets came in at \$67,250.00. He said the company will seal approximately 50-60 blocks at \$1.34 per square yard. Devon said the city would provide the sand which will cost \$23.75 per ton delivered. He said he checked into rock and it came in at \$43.00, \$54.00, or \$49.00 per ton. Devon stated he would like to try the sand and see how well it works. It was mentioned twice as much sand will be needed than rock to cover the oil. He said they will oil and sand the streets on the hill and around the square first, then do a few blocks downtown with what they have left. Dan made a motion to approve the hire of B & H Paving to oil and sand the streets for \$67,250.00. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Electric Vehicles

Devon informed the council District # 272 School Superintendent called asking if the city would have a location for a charging station for the new electric school buses coming. Andrew Clark stated two charging stations will be put at the school’s bus lot in Downs, one at the school in Tipton, and one at the school in Cawker. Andrew mentioned the city sharing in the cost of a charging station. The city doesn’t have any city owned land a charging station can be put on and the school district closed the school in town several years ago, so that is no longer an option. Devon added that he checked into getting the needed transformer for a charging station and none are available at this time.

Personnel Manual

The council will continue working on the personnel manual at a work session on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. and will discuss Ordinance #655 and Resolution #10-3.

Water Emergency Plan

The clerk informed the council she and Devon updated the water emergency plan, which was emailed to the council on 2-2-23. Barry made a motion to approve the updated water emergency plan. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Health Insurance

The clerk informed the council the Blue Cross/Blue Shield grandfathered health insurance premium increased 30% for 2023. She stated they calculated the rates prior to December 1st when Joe came on board. The employees filled out health profiles and Blue Cross/Blue Shield is re-evaluating the premiums. The council asked the clerk to shop around for different plans.

Building Permit

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #23-1 a new fence for Scott Jordan at 116 W. 2nd Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Devon went over his suggestions for the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Most importantly, he would like to get an overlay map of the city's utility lines. He hasn't checked on a price yet. Devon said he visited with Stuart Porter about widening Main Street up the hill. Stuart said it will be an expensive, time-consuming project that would require lots of engineering hours. Under the community facility section, Devon did get bids to replace all the curb and guttering around the square. The bids are per foot at \$38.00, \$45.00, and \$52.00. The council asked how much concrete costs and Devon replied \$175.00 per yard. Landen made a motion to replace the curb and guttering around the square for \$38.00 per foot. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council asked who had the low bid, Devon said Ron Eberle Construction. Devon mentioned Ron may do the project for less than the \$38.00 per foot. This project will be paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund. It was mentioned the curb and guttering project should be done before the streets are oiled and sanded.

Devon said the number one equipment item needed is a new or newer basket truck. Angie suggested he plan ahead, as the availability is probably not going to be immediate if the basket truck goes down. The council asked him to get bids. Devon mentioned the Fire Department plans to continue to do fundraisers to help with the cost of a new fire truck. Devon said he would like to have a stand-by 3-phase generator as number three on the list and added a newer dump truck as number four on the equipment list.

Devon informed the council the big wells went down last month and then down again last week. He is working with Pierce Electronics and wants to put in a wireless system to the larger wells. Devon said it will cost no more than \$3,809.99 to have Pierce put in the wireless system. Landen made a motion to have Pierce Electronics put a wireless system in at the large wells. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon informed the council, per Dan's request, the bid for a new pool cover from McKee's will cost \$9,577.38 installed. After a brief discussion, Dan made a motion to approve the purchase of a new pool cover from McKee's for \$9,577.38. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes, Barry voting against.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council her term as one of the city's KMEA board of directors is due to expire in April and asked the council to replace Eldon with Devon in the Director #2 position. Barry made a motion to extend Jerri's KMEA board of director #1 position and appoint Devon as director #2 for the city. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk mentioned Emily Benedick, Solomon Valley Economic Director, will be at City Hall on March 2nd using the back office from 9 am to 4 pm.

The council reviewed the Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance membership information. Landen made a motion to join the Solomon Valley Highway 24 Alliance at the friend level of \$50.00 per year. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk gave the council the reports requested at last month's meeting.

At 8:35 pm Barry made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council, attorney and city clerk present. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:50 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Council Report

Lori mentioned it would be nice for the Lakeside school buses to have fleet cards for the car wash. The council expressed the current payment options are sufficient for the use of the car wash.

Landen thanked the city crew for the snow clean-up a last month and thanked the clerk for submitting the cemetery fence grant application.

Angie reported pool manager, Kaetlin Hyman, has four guards hired for the summer. She said Kaetlin has asked the pool hours go back to the original hours. The council approved the pool hours going back to 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm daily.

The council asked Devon how the Lead & Copper surveys are going. Devon said they have received about 50% of them back. He mentioned they will need to dig up and replace about 24 lead goosenecks in the city's water lines.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk

Note: A work session was held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Council members in attendance were Sheila Paxson, Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer. Also present, City Attorney Scott Wright, City Clerk Jerri Senger and Maintenance Superintendent Devon Housh.