

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
February 7, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., February 7, 2022, 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: Kevin Noller, Thomas Depew, Cindy Clausen, Lisa Jermark, James Reed, Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 3, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounted to \$63,153.78, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and city attorney bills were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Library

Cindy Clausen, Library Board President, informed the council they now have all their ducks in a row and have their 501c3 status. Lisa Jermark will email Attorney Scott Wright about the transfer of the library building deed.

Cindy informed the council the library received a grant to put up a 4x13 foot awning, to go above the windows and front door. She said the awning will look similar to the one at the Legion. Dan made a motion to approve building permit application #22-1 – a new awning for the library building. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

KMEA Board of Directors

Eldon's KMEA Board of Director #2 position is due to expire in April and the Alternate Director position needs to be filled. Angie made a motion to renew Eldon's Director position and appoint Sheila to fill the Alternate Director position. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Water Emergency Plan

The council reviewed the updated Water Emergency Plan for the city. Angie asked about Section #4, the mutual aid agreement with Rural Water District #2. The Clerk will research and send the information to Angie. Lori made a motion to approve the Water Emergency Plan. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Booster Station Pumps

Eldon updated the council on the pump prices for the water tower booster station. He said Stuart Porter originally thought the pumps would cost around \$36-38,000.00, however new bids were received and a double pump now costs around \$76,000.00. Eldon said Stuart Porter is checking into why the significant price hike. Eldon mentioned they are coming up with bids and plans to build a larger building to house the new pumps. He said the old building is too small. Eldon hopes to have figures for the March meeting.

Building Permit

Clerk Senger reported a building permit came in late this afternoon from Nextlink for an internet antenna. Dan Winkel, building permit chairman, stated he would like to table the permit until next month, so he can have time to review the application.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council he had three bids for the replacement of curb and guttering. Senger Construction and SMC both came in around \$50.00 per linear foot, and Eberle Construction came in at \$17.00 per linear foot. He said 350 feet of curb and guttering needs to be replaced on Hobart Street, before any other street repairs can be done. Which will cost approximately \$6,000.00. He said the bids include concrete and the city crew will tear out all of the old curb and gutter. Eldon said approximately 900 linear feet of curb and guttering needs to be replaced around the square. Which will cost \$15,300.00.

Eldon received a bid from the Coughlin Company to mill 8” and resurface Hobart Street like they did on Kansas Street. The bid came in at \$86,234.00 and is good for 30-days. He said they can come do the job around August, giving us time to replace the curb and guttering. He then informed the council Hobart Street would need to be oiled and chatted afterward, for a total project cost around \$111,000.00.

After discussion on funds available and in the budget, Landen made a motion to accept Eberle Construction’s bid to curb and gutter Hobart Street. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon called the crew that comes in to oil and chat streets. He said the crew can oil and chat approximately 48-52 blocks, using 12,000 gallons of oil, for \$1.31 per square yard or \$61,000.00.

Eldon reported the poles feeding electricity to the water plant need to be replaced. The council viewed the photographs of the poles. Eldon said he is waiting on bids from Prairie Land Electric to help with the project. The new poles will be 45 feet tall.

Eldon said John Mosher will be attending an 18-week wastewater treatment facility operator class in Concordia. Classes are one day per week, at a cost of \$1,802.00.

Clerk’s Report

The clerk asked the attorney the progress on CB Trucking’s bill collection. The attorney is still in the process of filing the paperwork.

The council reviewed the letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance. Rates have increased 14.66%, the largest increase the clerk can remember. Angie asked to see what other plans they offer that would be cheaper for the city. The city currently has a “grandfathered plan” with a \$500.00 deductible.

The clerk asked to attend the CCMFOA Spring Clerk’s Conference in Manhattan. The council granted permission.

Council Reports

Angie asked the clerk to fill out the League’s Annual Wage and Benefit Survey, stating it would be nice to see what other towns Glen Elder’s size offer employees.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk