

2014 Glen Elder City Council Minutes Archive

December 01, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 1st, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 3rd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$43,377.27, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and other bills were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

City Attorney

Ms. Kueker declined the city attorney position. The council asked the Clerk to contact Mr. Gregory, to find out if he would be interested in the position. Mayor Duskie informed the council that Katie Cheney is willing to help the city until we can find a new attorney, she will not be able to attend meetings however.

City Codification

Lindsey made a motion to approve ordinance #685 adopting the codification of ordinances of the City. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that the Eberle sidewalk looks fine and he visited with Depew and Smith several times last month. Chris said he will keep visiting with the two property owners.

Cameras

Eldon reported that he has no bids to present to the council for new cameras. He visited with File Safe and Chad Carter. Eldon estimated it would cost \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to replace all the cameras. The council decided not to get new cameras at this time.

Rural Water Contract

Mayor Duskie and the council discussed the two new 10-year water supply contract options with Rural Water District #2. Ryan said that exercising the valves is exempt and included in the options. He asked the council which option they prefer as he will be taking that contract to the RWD board meeting on Thursday evening. Eldon added that we have our two smaller wells turned down and not pumping what they are capable of. We have not used rural water since our new wells were turned on in 2007. Larry made a motion to approve the contract with water delivery of 70 gallons per minute, or 200,000 gallons per day, and monthly fee of \$500.00 and \$1,950.00 per month when water is provided to the City. The vote carried with three ayes, Barry voted no and Lindsey abstained.

Wells

Eldon informed the council that Tim Porter has been told that there is a vein of water on his property. If the water is good enough to be used by the city, Tim doesn't have a problem with a blending building put on his property. In exchange he would like to have water for his lawn and garden. Eldon stated that a test drill will cost around \$1,500.00 and Tim said he would split the cost. Eldon said that he would hire Peterson Irrigation to do test drilling. Eldon added that there is a landowner east of the City that is willing to let us drill on their property as well. Barry made a motion to do the test drilling west of Tim Porter's house. Larry seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

CMB License

Barry made a motion to approve cereal malt beverage licenses to Wayne's Sporting Goods. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for twenty minutes. She called the council and mayor into the executive session. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:05 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Daycare

There were no Daycare reports for the last month. It was noted that this is the second month in a row without reports.

Wage Review

Lindsey made a motion to give Eldon, Jerri, and Daniel .20¢ per hour raise, with everything else staying the same. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he had a request from a resident to remove the "Second Street" signs between Nash and Vallette Streets. The council gave him permission to take down the signs. It was mentioned that since this is an alley and not a street it will no longer be oiled and chatted.

Eldon went over the \$10,475.47 bid from Prairie Land Electric to switch out the both poles on West First Street. He informed the council that Prairie Land will do the job while the lines are hot. Eldon said the poles are in bad shape and they need to be replaced. Larry made a motion to have Prairie Land replace both poles. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council wants farmers to be aware that large trucks and farm equipment should stay on the truck route only!

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that the Governmental Accounting Software is being re-done and will cost a little extra. She also brought to the council's attention that the State Set-off Collection process will cost 5% more. The council reviewed the letter received from Farmway Coop along with the \$12,547.13 bushel money and asked the Clerk to put the money into the Capital Improvement Fund. The Clerk informed the council that \$20,000.00 was transferred from the Light Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses. Days off around Christmas were discussed. The council felt it would be fine to close half the day on Christmas Eve.

Council Report

Tracy asked if plaques could be put up by the displays in the park stating who donated the displays. Eldon mentioned that there was a wooden plaque that had all the names on it. He said in the past it was displayed in the Neff Sign, on the west side of the square.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

November 03, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 3rd, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Linda Riley, Kay Thompson, Dan Page – KDNS, Attorney Katie Cheney, Devon Housh, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 6th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$50,188.84, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Cunningham Franchise Agreements

Barry made a motion to approve the telephone franchise agreement ordinance #682 and cable franchise agreement ordinance #683. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Library

Linda Riley reported the Library will be short approximately \$1,010.60 by January 10th of next year. She mentioned that they decided to take a small penalty and cash in a CD to cover expenses until the January tax money comes in. She did say that they will be back if money is needed in the future.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he is getting tough with folks in town that continually have violations. He said he plans to visit with these folks every Saturday until he sees improvement on their properties. He reported his visit with the owner of the old Staley property. The council discussed the Eberle sidewalk and trailers that are parked on the streets.

Cemetery Rate Ordinance

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinance #684 setting cemetery lot and grave opening prices. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Farmway Coop Dryer

After a brief discussion on the elevator dryer, Larry made a motion to approve the new tank sizes - two new 1,000 gallon propane tanks that are on skids, not wheels as previously discussed. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Cameras

The Mayor stated, in his opinion, either the cameras need to be maintained or get rid of them. The council asked Eldon to get bids on replacing the cameras and bring the information to the next meeting.

Rural Water Contract

Katie Cheney informed the council that the 20-year contract with Rural Water District #2 expires December 27, 2014. Ryan, Larry and Tracy will attend the District's board meeting this Thursday night.

Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for twenty minutes. She called the council, mayor, city attorney, city clerk, city supervisor and Devon Housh in the executive session. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Building & Sidewalk Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permits: #14-27 a garage addition for Garry Clark at 220 S. Vallette, #14-33 a patio, privacy fence, cutting the curb and making a driveway for Rodger Williams at 105 N. Hobart, #14-34 a car port for Jim Slate at 109 S. Vine. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Lindsey abstained.

Tracy made a motion to approve the following sidewalk permits: #14-3 – 545 sq. ft. new sidewalk for Lori Augustine, less 7.65 ton sand = \$1,056.99. #14-4 – 610 sq. ft. new sidewalk for Lori Augustine, less 6.25 ton sand = \$1,217.74. #14-5 – 352 sq. ft. new sidewalk for Lori Augustine, less 2.5 ton sand = \$719.30. #14-6 – 920 sq. ft. new sidewalk for Lori Augustine =

\$1,978.00. #14-9 – 500 sq. ft. new sidewalk for Michael Predmore = \$1,075.00. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

ATV Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve ATV Permit #14-15 for Jason & Kayla Tonne. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The council discussed their first request for a dealers UTV permit, from American Ag and Auto. The council felt that a licensed employee needs to be on the UTV at all times and the folks test driving the UTV's need to have a valid driver's license.

Daycare

There were no Daycare reports for the last month.

Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes, with the mayor and council present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 8:10 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Barry made a motion to give the same employee Christmas bonus as last year. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon mentioned that he would hire Tyron Gruwell to work during his two week Christmas break.

Eldon informed the council that he needs to purchase new power poles. He said that they will be expensive and he is coordinating with another City to share the load. He mentioned that the power pole by Bob Cunningham's house has been on his replacement list for about five years. He said that John Cunningham requested the pole be replaced, as large combines are having trouble getting under the cable lines on the pole. Eldon has contacted Ron with Prairie Land Electric to get a bid to have them switch out the pole, since it is a main pole with nine primaries on it.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk mentioned the email received about the extension option on the WAPA allocations of electricity. The current contract ends in 2024, so cities will have the option to extend the contract out to 2054. She noted that the WAPA electricity is the low cost power the city purchases.

The Clerk gave the council a list of delinquent customers that have been turned into the State Set-off. The council asked her to check into small claims to collect.

With no other business Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

October 06, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 6th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak arrived later. Also in attendance: Carol Torkelson, Dan Page – KDNS, Attorney Katie Cheney, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 2nd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounting to \$54,707.80, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

CDBG Grant

Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning Commission, handed the council a packet of information on the completion of the housing grant. This grant began in 2012 and we intended to rehabilitate 15 homes and demolish two units. We actually rehabilitated 18 homes and demolished 3 units. A total of \$422,970.00 was spent on this grant project, which included \$400,000.00 in grant money, homeowner investment, city funds and weatherization funds. Carol will now send the final closeout paperwork into the state.

NR Rebate Ordinance

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinance #678, adopting a neighborhood revitalization plan tax rebate program for the city. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he has two main properties of concern and he will be sending them 2-week letters. He added that he is keeping an eye on a couple other properties that have some weed/tall grass issues, and will visit with those folks.

Ordinances

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinance #379 allowing parking on Kansas and Hobart Streets. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinances #680 and #681, adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinances and Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Alley

The council discussed steps on establishing an alley between Nash and Hobart Streets. Katie informed everyone that we would need to obtain a 7 ½ foot "right-of-way easement" from each property owner. She said this project may get pricey, as we would need to pay the attorney and pay to file each easement. She suggested the council look around town and see if there are other areas that need similar attention and we do them all at the same time. Councilwoman Clark pointed out that no property owner would be giving anything up. The Mayor said he would like to do more checking into this, get a cost estimate and talk to some of the residents first before we start this project. The matter was tabled until a later date.

Building & Sidewalk Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve building permits: #14-30 a shed for Brad Weidenhaft at 316 N. Vallette, #14-31 a garage and concrete pad for Wes Thompson at 205 N. College, and #14-32 a retaining wall and stone paver walk for Brent Cunningham. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Tracy made a motion to approve the following sidewalk permits: #14-8 – 400sq ft new sidewalk for Lynn Christiansen, less 1.25 ton sand = \$841.25; #14-9 – 260sq ft new sidewalk for Nick Woods, less 3 ton sand = \$514.00; #14-10 – 325sq ft new sidewalk for Cunningham Telephone, less 3.75 ton sand = \$642.50; #14-11 – 535sq ft new sidewalk for AJ Hupfer, less 3.75 ton sand = \$1,094.00; #14-12 – 245sq ft new sidewalk for Ron Dean = \$526.75. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The council discussed the unsafe sidewalk at Max Eberle's. It was noted that it is the homeowner's responsibility to repair the sidewalk and his liability if someone is hurt on it. The council asked Chris to hand-deliver him a letter asking him to repair the sidewalk.

City Attorney

The clerk reported on the area attorneys that she contacted about working for the city. The council asked her to invite Richelle Kueker to the November meeting.

Daycare

The council briefly visited about the Daycare reports on the last two months.

Pool Reports

The council reviewed the end of the year pool reports. Attendance was down just 16 from the year before, the concession stand made a profit, but not as good as the previous year. Overall the pool lost money, it was noted that a new \$4,020.00 pump was purchased.

Employee Report

Eldon asked the council to consider doing the sidewalk project again next year, maybe in April. He said that he visited with a few property owners that are busy this time of the year and are unable to participate. He also suggested the next time we make sure that folks get the sidewalks completed within a set time period.

Clerk's Report

On behalf of the Fire Chief, the clerk asked the council to appoint Nic Mellies as a new fireman. Larry made a motion to appoint Nic as a volunteer fireman. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried four ayes.

The Clerk informed the council that the contract with Mitchell County Rural Water District #2 expires in December. The Attorney will review the contract.

The Clerk asked the council to note the fees charged by the auditor due to the matter concerning the county's error on tax money. Barry McPeak arrived.

The clerk asked the council about increasing the grave digging/covering fees on weekends. The council would like the regular grave fees to increase by \$100.00 and the cremation fees to increase by \$50.00 on the weekends and holidays.

The Attorney went over the franchise fee information with Cunningham Telephone & Cable. She said a public hearing will be held at next month's meeting and then new agreements will be approved.

The Attorney and council went through the updates for the new ordinance codification. Katie will send the changes made to Eric and she hopes the new codification can be approved at the December meeting.

Council Report

Barry asked about the Farmway Coop replacing the grain dryer. Not much has been heard about the project, except the tanks can not be on wheels.

The Mayor read a couple thank you cards and the council decided to again donate \$200.00 to the Chili Cook-off.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

September 02, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 2nd, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Heather Hartman, Bob Kastrup, Carol Torkelson, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 4th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounting to \$48,289.64, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Beloit Ready-Mix, and City Attorney bills were all reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Program

Heather Hartman, Mitchell County Community Development Director, informed the council that it is time to renew the neighborhood revitalization tax program. The current program expires on October 1st. She mentioned some of the changes in the program. She said this program has had a very positive influence on our county and if you look at the state our improvement growth is impressive. There were a few questions from the council and a brief discussion. The council asked if they could make a decision on this matter later in the meeting.

CDBG Grant

Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning Commission, asked for the council to approve a budget amendment to the current housing grant. She said the grant was intended to rehab 15 homes, when in fact they have rehabbed 18 homes and a small budget amendment is needed. She added that the grant has been audited by the state and this grant has been very successful. Larry made a motion to approve the housing grant amendment. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Alley Drainage

Bob Kastrup gave the council a drawing he made of his neighborhood including the alley. He informed the council that he feels the alley has had rock and gravel added to it, which has increased the elevation of the alley. He is concerned that this may cause water drainage problems around his home. He is worried that water may get into the crawl space under his home, he said this has not been a problem yet but if there is a large rain this may be a problem. He said worrying about the water drainage is causing stress on himself and his wife, and he is just trying to protect his home. He mentioned that when the curb and guttering is fixed on Second Street that may increase the alley height even more. Ryan and Eldon said that they both surveyed the alley. At this time Ryan said there is a seven inch drop from the pole behind Bob's garage to the north end of the alley, which is 91 feet. Ryan said that due to his garage construction and the recent sewer main work there has been some dirt work done on the north end of the alley. Ryan said that he would contact Cunningham and have them move their fiber drop that is buried shallow in the alley and then have the city crew shave off some of the north end of the alley. Bob said that he is having dirt hauled into his yard and drilling out old tree stumps to solve this potential drainage problem.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported the list of residents that he has visited with since the last meeting.

Charter Ordinance #2014-1

Lindsey made a motion to approve charter ordinance #2014-1 making the mayor an ex officio member of the library board. Mayor Duskie appointed Sheila Paxson to attend library meetings until she no longer wants the duty. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve building permits: #14-26 a deck and cement block patio for Terry Petzoldt and Brian Kennedy at 101 S. College, #14-28 a new home for the Glen Elder Christian Church at 112 N. Center, #14-29 enlarge the porch, move and add sidewalks, and possibly add a ramp for Ron Dean at 313 E. Kansas. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit #2014-14 for Mike & Linda Riley. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare

The council had no Daycare reports this month. The council discussed sending the Daycare board a letter.

Ordinance & Cook-off

Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #677 amending the water rate charges. This ordinance eliminates giving the first 2,000 gallons of water away with the monthly minimum

charge. Now all water will be charged at a rate of \$3.35 per 1,000 gallons of usage. The monthly minimum charge remains at \$17.00. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

There was some discussion on the Chili Cook-off that will be held on October 18th this year. It was noted that the color run has been moved to the morning of the Cook-off.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that all the sewer mains in town are clean along with the lift station. He said the project came in under budget at \$13,200.75.

Eldon presented the council with a proposal from White Star on the getting a larger framed skid steer in June of 2015. The proposal to get the larger machine is a one-time offer at \$2,873.14. He reminded the council that the city should be receiving a refund check on the mower for \$3,700.00. He said the yearly renewal fee on the larger machine will be \$900.00. Eldon wants to keep the smaller machine and said all the attachments would fit the larger machine. Larry made a motion to approve the larger Bobcat Skid Steer for next June delivery. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Council Report

Lindsey made a motion to approve the neighborhood revitalization tax program within the city limits. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council reviewed a letter from Attorney Katie Cheney. She will be resigning her position after the October council meeting.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council that Katie Cheney has the draft of the City's ordinance codification. She stated that a bushel check was received from Farmway Coop. The council instructed her to put the money into the capital improvement fund.

With no other business Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

August 04, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 4th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Linda Riley, Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 7th and 17th, 2014 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounting to \$59,166.90, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Beloit Ready-Mix, and Cawker City Ledger bills were all reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

2015 Budget Hearing

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2015 budget. With no one present to comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Larry made a motion to approve the 2015 budget as written. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that everything around town looks pretty good at this time. He said that the boat on Nash is gone and that the yard at 101 E. Main is now mowed.

Third Dog Request

Christine Winkel asked the council for permission to have a third dog. She said the new dog would be a small house dog, to keep their other house dog company. She added that they have a hunting dog that they keep outside. Larry made a motion to allow Brian & Christine Winkel a third dog. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fence Ordinance

Eldon stated that he feels everyone should be able to put a fence on their property line if they wish, without permission from the neighbor. There was quite a bit of discussion on the matter. The council decided to follow the current ordinance and deal with these requests case by case. The council prefers for neighbors to get along and obtain written permission between neighbors.

Trees at Cemetery

Eldon informed the council that several trees at the cemetery are not doing well and they had suspected they were sprayed. Eldon said he visited with area landowners and no aerial spraying has been done this year. So he thinks it may just be the hot dry weather. He informed the council that they will continue watering the trees and keep an eye on them.

Library Board Appointments

Barry made a motion to appoint Beth Holling to the library board to finish the un-expired term that was held by Mary Wacaser and Cody Fears to fill the un-expired term held by Sarah Miller. These appointments are to begin immediately. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Sheila made a motion to approve building permit #14-25 a deck for Earl Root at 205 E. Main Street. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare Reports

The council wants to have Katie review the lease agreements with the Daycare. The council is frustrated with having to pay all the bills for the daycare and feel they are not making progress to become self-sufficient. The council would like Katie to draft a letter to the Daycare board concerning this matter.

Employee Report

Eldon checked into cleaning all the sewer lines in town, he said we could save \$1,250.00 if we do the entire town instead of a third, every other year. Eldon added that the lines would not need to be cleaned again for another ten years. The council reviewed the budget and the cash amount in the sewer fund. Barry made a motion to clean all the sewer mains in town. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon and the council reviewed the letter received from the Kansas Rural Water Association. They came out and inspected the sludge levels in our sewer ponds. The letter said our ponds look great and shouldn't need cleaned for 15 years or more at the current rate of accumulation.

Eldon presented the council with a five-year agreement with White Star to be signed if approved. He stated by signing this agreement, our annual skid steer payments will be lowered by \$75.00 and we would get a one-time option of \$6,000.00 towards any attachment purchase. He said that White Star would reimburse us for the mower attachment we just purchased, if signed. Lindsey made a motion to approve signing the agreement with White Star for Bobcat Skid Steers for the next five years. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon reported that he is getting bids on the needed pump drive to be used on the water tower project. The pump drive regulates how fast and slow our well pumps run.

Barry asked about the interest in the sidewalk project for next month. Clerk Senger reported six property owners have signed up so far.

Clerk's Report

The clerk briefly mentioned that the draft of the City's ordinance codification has been received from the League of Kansas Municipalities. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

Council Report

Mayor Duskie reported that Farmway Coop wants to bring in a larger grain dryer. He said the dryer would run off propane gas and Farmway would need permission to have a large storage tank within City limits. It was noted that the storage tank would need to be 100 feet from any building. It would be portable on a trailer and located south of the railroad tracks. Ryan mentioned if the council members had more questions they should contact Jeff Holling or Terry Collins, and be ready to make a decision at the next council meeting.

There was mention that a few were upset that they got oil on their shoes at the Fun Day Run. Eldon said that he oils and chats the streets when the oil is here and he has the help, he didn't intentionally do it.

Moving a light pole at Mike Becker's was brought up.

Sheila asked to get a list of City owned property and equipment.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Jerri Senger

City Clerk

July 17, 2014 Special

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., July 17th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, and Barry McPeak present. Also in attendance: Scot Loyd, Linda Riley, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Annual Budget

Scot Loyd, with Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, explained to the council how the county made errors with the assessed valuations and the neighborhood revitalization rebate figures both for 2014. These errors have had a sizable negative effect on our budget, specifically our General Fund and Library Funds. He figured our 2014 estimated cash flow shortage in the General Fund as \$22,265.00 and the Library Fund short \$2,093.00. Scot said luckily we have cash balances in our utility funds, but the Library board is not so lucky. He asked the council if they wanted to increase the mill levy to make up for the loss. He stated that we have lost about 6 mills due to the rebate program. Barry said that he does not want to raise the mill levy, but would rather cut back on other things.

There was some discussion on how much money should be in the General Fund. Scot answered that by suggesting three months average expenditures as a minimum or about \$60,000.00. The Clerk mentioned that at this time we have \$14,000.00 in the General Fund. It was noted that we have budgeted a transfer of \$80,000.00 from the Light Fund, if needed. There was discussion on transferring extra cash balances from other utility funds into the General Fund. Scot suggested waiting on major transfers and getting council approval on transferring unbudgeted amounts.

Scot will change the Library mill to back to four for the 2015 budget and eliminate the \$35,000.00 transfer from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund in 2014 to correct the negative budget amount in 2015.

The council discussed going to the county commissioners and bringing the county's error to their attention.

Scot reminded the clerk that the notice of public hearing needs to be published next week and that hearing will be at the August 4th council meeting.

Delinquent Taxes

The council discussed the delinquent second half real estate taxes due for the property at 129 S. Mill. The Clerk will ask the tenant to pay these taxes. If unable to pay the taxes at this time the city will pay the bill before the publish date.

With no other business Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Jerri Senger

City Clerk

July 07, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., July 7th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Michelle Huddle, Jim Coash, Chuck Look, Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Heather Hartman, Attorney - Katie Cheney, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 2nd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounting to \$89,939.22, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were all reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Power Supply Contract

Jim Coash, Operations Manager with Prairie Land Electric Cooperative introduced Chuck Look, Assistant to the CEO. Chuck informed the council that Glen Elder's current power supply contract with Sunflower Electric originating in April of 2007, makes Sunflower no money. He said that a termination notice is probable and it will affect four cities in the area. He stated that Prairie Land is willing to offer us the same as Sunflower to provide us with electricity. He did say that our rates will go up as they charge more than Sunflower. It was noted that Glen Elder has not received a termination notice yet and we will be given a 24-month notice. Mr. Look just wanted to give us a heads up and he added that they would be willing to do a rate comparison if the council wanted.

2013 Audit

Michelle Huddle, CPA with Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, went over each page of the 2013 annual audit report. She then went over the communication letter and mentioned that there were no new notes this year. Barry made a motion to approve the 2013 audit report as presented. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he visited with the property owner at 200 N. Vine. The property has been mowed and the fallen tree has been cut up. He apologized for not being around in June, but promised to get through once a week. Chris said that he put door hangers at Joe Smith and Thomas Depew's about property clean-up. He stated that he will visit with Hyman about the boat parked in the street.

County Grant

Heather Hartman informed the council that the county commissioners want to apply for a Federal Land Access Program Grant. She said they would use the funds to widen and install good guardrails on the causeway south of Cawker City. She said the cost of the project will be very high. She asked for economic impact support from area business's and Cities, stating how this project would help each. She said that she will draft a letter for the Mayor's signature.

2015 Budget

There was quite a lengthy discussion on the 2015 budget and the council went over each fund, line by line. They discussed ideas to help increase funds for future projects. One idea was to add a \$5.00 charge to each water meter, then the council discussed getting rid of the minimum amount of water included with the monthly fee. The council liked the latter idea with all the water supply concerns in the state and the need for funds. No final decision was made.

Future projects include: on top of the list was to repair the water tower, next in line - replace 6-7 fire plugs, repair street gutters that continually hold water, also of importance - street repair. Repairing the curbs around the middle of the square was also discussed.

The council felt it best to leave the mill levy alone for now. Lindsey made a motion to set the public budget hearing for the next council meeting, on August 4th at 7:00 pm. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Fire Plugs and Fence Ordinance

The council tabled any further discussion on fire plugs and the fence ordinance.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #14-20 a deck and shed for Matt Preisendorf at 409 W. 1st Pad #5, #14-21 a deck for Richard Johnson at 409 W. 1st Pad #1, and #14-23 an awning over a deck for Wendell Petersen at 413 W. 1st. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

ATV Permit

Barry made a motion to approve ATV Permits: 2014#10 for Brian and Christine Winkel, 2014#11 for Rick and Mary Jo Gruwell, 2014#12 and #13 for Art and Pat Duerksen. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Sidewalk Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve the payment of sidewalk permit #14-2 for 360 sq ft of new sidewalk for Suzann Ulmer at 312 E. Main amounting to \$774.00.

Daycare Reports

The council reviewed the Daycare reports.

Employee Report

Gutters that hold water were discussed, specifically at East Main and Second Street. Lindsey made a motion to repair both areas this year. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Eldon informed the council that the skid steer price had dropped to \$800.00 per year, and now are allowing the use of any attachments. He said if no attachments are used, the cost would drop to approximately \$300 per year.

Clerk's Report

The clerk briefly mentioned the list of transfers made in 2013. She then mentioned that several calls were received concerning shooting off fireworks on Saturday, July 5th. The clerk informed the council that the City had received a water violation letter from the state. The letter states that the selenium average over the last year is 54 ug/L, which is more than the standard of 50 ug/L. She said the required notice letter will be mailed with the next utility bills.

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 10:00 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

June 02, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 2nd, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 5th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounting to \$40,993.71 plus the Mid-Kansas Electric and several other outstanding bills were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he received complaints on the boats in the street at Hyman's and Smith's. He also received a complaint on the yard condition at 200 N. Vine, he will send a letter to the property owner. The wheat dumped on the ground at the old Lakeside Service station was discussed, along with a couple properties that need mowed.

City Sidewalk Project

Tracy made a motion to proceed with the city sidewalk project in the month of September. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Residents wanting to participate in the project need to contact City Hall and the project is limited to the month of September. The city will tear out and haul off the old sidewalk. The property owner is responsible for putting in a new sidewalk and the city will pay them \$2.15 per square foot. The Clerk was asked to put this information on the local cable channel.

Fireworks Sale License

Lindsey made a motion to approve the 2014 fireworks sale license for Shauna Remus at The Corner Lodge. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #14-7 a fence for Lori Augustine at 400 E. Main, #14-15 a storage shed and deck for Wayne Cooper at 409 W. First, Lot #4, and #14-18 a concrete drive for Brent Cunningham at 316 N. High. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve an ATV Permits: 2014#8 for Lee Brinker, 2014#9 for Frank and Thelma Shelton. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Chickens

The council informed the clerk that all future requests to have chickens need to come to a council meeting.

Daycare Reports

The council reviewed the Daycare reports.

Employee Report

Devon informed the council that they have tested a 90" mower deck that fits on the front of a skid steer. The crew is happy with how well it cuts the ditches and the sewer ponds. If granted permission, the mower deck would be purchased from White Star Machinery for \$3,731.84. Larry made a motion to approve the purchase of the 90" mower deck, after first checking into a leasing option on the deck. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Barry and Lindsey voted no on the motion.

The Clerk informed the council that Eldon ordered 6,000 gallons of street oil for \$18,420.00.

Clerk's Report

The council noted the EMC insurance dividend check and the Farmway Coop bushel check for the first quarter of 2014.

The clerk asked about giving to all the folks asking for donations. After some discussion, Barry made a motion to give \$200.00 to the fireworks display, \$20.00 to the Lions Club for the Fun Run, and \$25.00 to the elementary school for t-shirts.

There was a brief discussion on the training the clerk asked to attend this Thursday. Since there is no one to cover the office at this time.

Council Report

Sheila asked if the city owns anything over at the housing. The Clerk answered no, the property is owned by the housing authority.

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

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Jerri Senger

City Clerk

May 05, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., May 5th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Dan Page – KDNS, Mary Eberle, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 7th, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounting to \$47,301.73 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Public Comment

Mary Eberle, representing the Waconda Baseball teams, informed the council that they would like to purchase new shirts for the two older groups. She showed an example of the shirts and said they will cost around \$600.00. Mary mentioned that the Downs Lions Club is providing the pants. She said they have some donations already and if they receive any extra money, it will be used to purchase new batting helmets and catching equipment. Larry made a motion to give the baseball teams \$300.00. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Mary thanked the council and invited everyone to their first game on May 27th.

Library Board

Tracy made a motion to appoint Frank Stramel to another term on the library board, approve Linda Riley as president and Kay Thompson as secretary. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fire Plugs

Eldon reported that we have three fire plugs on Main Street that need to be replaced. He said they were installed in the early 1900's. The issue with replacing them is to put in line stops or not. Installing the new plugs with line stops will be approximately \$10,000.00. Without the line stops, a valve at the water tower would need to be turned off and everyone below the hill would be without water. He said there would be air in all the lines and a boil order would be required. He would like to do this job around the first of July. He mentioned that the fire plugs he is looking into are \$1,500.00 each. He added that the fire department would prefer he get steamer cap plugs or 6" plugs. The council asked him to get pricing on 4", 6" and the steamer capped fire plugs for the next meeting.

Ordinance #677

Lindsey made a motion to approve ordinance #677 amending the salaries of the maintenance employee and park/cemetery superintendent. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Larry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #14-12 a cement slab for Farmway Coop at 305 W. Railroad, #14-13 a dog pen and garage approach for Kyle Thompson at

313 N. Nash, #14-14 a privacy fence and deck for AJ Hupfer at 308 E. Allen, and #14-16 move in a mobile home in the John Krontz trailer park. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve an ATV Permit for Jim and Linda Ptacnik. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Chickens

The clerk informed the council that a couple residents came in asking if they could have chickens. It was noted that Cawker City and Beloit both allow chickens. The council discussed this but was concerned about enforcement. The matter was tabled until next month.

Daycare Reports

The council was concerned about the large drop in childcare income. The council hopes that the Daycare can make leaps and bounds in a positive direction by 2015.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he inspected the Anderson property and it has been cleaned up. He visited with Mr. Rominger and that matter was corrected. There was some question on the camper parked on the edge of the alley at his property, with concerns a bucket truck cannot make it past the camper. The un-tagged black pickup on North Nash was discussed. Chris said that he will start coming to town once a week.

Annual Appointments

Mayor Duskie made the following annual appointments:

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| Council President | Sheila Paxson |
| Municipal Judge: | Bonnie Wilson |
| City Attorney: | Katie Cheney |
| City Official Paper: | Cawker City Ledger |
| Financial Institution: | Central National Bank |
| City Clerk: | Jerri Senger |
| City Superintendent: | Eldon Behymer |
| City Maintenance: | Devon Housh |
| City Maintenance: | Daniel Firebaugh |
| City Treasurer: | Linda Mick |
| Fire Chief: | Jerry Clark |
| Assistant Fire Chief: | Garry Clark |
| Insurance Agency: | Linton Insurance |

Light Committee:

Ch: Barry McPeak, Larry Wheeler, Lindsey Clark

Water/Swim Pool Committee:

Ch: Tracy Anderes, Barry McPeak, Sheila Paxson

Street/Alley/Sidewalk Committee:

Ch: Lindsey Clark, Tracy Anderes, Larry Wheeler

Park/Building Permit Committee:

Ch: Eldon Behymer, Larry Wheeler, Lindsey Clark

Cemetery Committee:

Ch: Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, Sheila Paxson

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.

Employee Report

Eldon reported that the packer will be done by the end of the month. He said they installed the new waterline under highway 24 today.

Eldon asked if the council would consider a special sidewalk project around town, since so many sidewalks need to be replaced. He suggested choosing one month, maybe September. The city could tear out and haul off the old sidewalk. The property owner could put in a new sidewalk with the city paying them \$2.15 per square foot. He would like a list of residents wanting to participate in the project and limit the project to one month.

Clerk's Report

The council decided to leave all pool rates the same as last year. The clerk mentioned the thank you received from Lakeside After Prom. The clerk mentioned that there is some concern about trash blowing out of dumpsters. After visiting with property owners, it was noted that folks dig through the dumpsters and fail to re-strap the lids, and folks put trash into dumpsters that do not belong to them.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

April 07, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 7th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Dan Page – KDNS, Memory Adams, Sarah Miller, Attorney Katie Cheney, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 3rd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounting to \$56,733.87 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Public Comment

Sarah Miller informed the council about the problem with excessive trash in the yard at 416 E. Allen. She presented the council with pictures. She also informed those present that the black dog at this residence growls and charges people and is not kept on a chain while in their yard. She added that Glen Elder has a cat problem in that area of town. She said the feral cats get into her trash. Mayor Duskie mentioned that he feels trapping the cats and taking them out to farmers that want them is the best answer. Attorney Katie Cheney said that Beloit has the same issue with feral cats. She said the City cannot trap and transport the animals out of town, but the residents can. She added that Beloit encourages their residents to trap cats and take them out to farmers wanting them. Katie said, "There is not really a better solution."

Memory Adams gave examples of the black dog at 416 E. Allen charging the Schwans man, the folks that she hires to do her yard work, and the dog charging visitors to her house. It was mentioned that we have a court Wednesday about the dog. The attorney told Sarah and Memory that pictures and/or videos are always a big help in any case as proof.

Code Officer, Chris Wagner mentioned that he tagged the Anderson house concerning their yard clean-up. He will send them a code violation letter. Katie will personally serve the letter on Wednesday at court. The code letter will give 15 days to abate the condition. Katie said, "Unfortunately this is not a quick process."

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner reported that he also tagged Joe Smith's and Thomas Depew's doors concerning yard clean-up. He said he will send a letter to Depew and will visit one more time with Smith. There was a discussion on Dennis Rominger illegally parking in the alley next to his house. Chris will visit with him. Rominger's business was briefly discussed.

Housing Grant

The council reviewed the housing board meeting notes. Larry made a motion to approve Ron Schlaefli as the contractor to demo the last two homes in the grant per the recommendations of the housing board. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

KDOT Agreement

Eldon informed the council that they will go straight across the highway with the new waterline to keep away from all other utility lines and the guardrails. Katie said the agreement is standard. Lindsey made a motion to approve the KDOT agreement to replace the waterline. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed projects they want in the capital improvement plan. The largest project will be re-painting the water tower in the next year to a year and a half. Eldon said he wants to start looking for contractors next September. Curb and gutter projects needed around town were discussed, but the council felt those projects could be funded with the general fund. The council instructed the clerk to continue putting the bushel money into the capital improvement plan.

Building Permit Questions

The council discussed building permits for dog kennels/pens that set on the ground. The council decided that a fence is a fence and the building permit ordinance states that everyone needs to fill out the application and pay the fee for these projects. Katie mentioned that Beloit adds a penalty to those residents that fail to get the required building permits. This was briefly discussed and it was mentioned that we could go back a year on projects not properly permitted.

There was a brief discussion on having the city supervisor look over the building permit applications then present them to the council for final approval.

Building Permits

Barry discussed each building permit application. Lindsey made a motion to approve the following building permits: #14-4 a patio cover for Rod Cooper at 513 E. Kansas, #14-5 a privacy fence for Justin Glauser 208 S. Vallette, #14-6 a deck and patio for Brent Emerson at 212 S. Vallette, #14-8 a patio cover for Kay Thompson 200 N. Nash, #14-9 a 30'x80' building for John Senger at 216 N. Nash, #14-10 a privacy fence and deck for Susan Elliott at 312 E. Main, and #14-11 a patio for Eldon Behymer at 117 N. Mill. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV permits: 2014#4 for John Cunningham, 2014#5 for Larry Hiserote, 2014#6 for Terry & Crystal Cunningham. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare

The council reviewed the daycare financial report and board notes. The council noted the increase in childcare income and said things are looking better.

Website

Ryan asked if anyone had any input on the website, he again said the council needs to make a decision around the end of the year.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that the concrete for curb and gutter project in front of Brett Winkel's house will cost \$1,000.00 to \$1,100.00. He mentioned that the sidewalk will have to be replaced as well. Larry made a motion to approve the proposal from Walnut Creek Construction to

form and pour the curb, gutter, and sidewalk at Winkel's for \$1,960.00. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon said that he visited with Farmway Coop about the valley gutter they will be replacing near Wayne's. He said they plan to have the project done before wheat harvest.

Eldon informed the council that Stanton Krone will return and he will hire Tyron Gruwell as summer help.

Eldon asked for permission to purchase a 50-gallon gas water tank and circulating pump for floor heat in their new shop. He mentioned that the water tank would cost around \$331.00. He said at the current time they use space heaters. He added that they have an electric heater in their new bathroom. Barry had some concerns about floor heat and no decision was made.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported to the council that Kylie Moore and Shanae Porter will return as pool managers this summer. She also said that all lifeguards from last year will be returning. She mentioned that one suit and cover-up will be purchased for each guard and recertifications will be reimbursed as done in the past.

The clerk asked for the council to appoint a KMEA director #2, this position was held by Eldon. The council appointed Eldon to this position again.

The clerk informed the council that the annual water consumer confidence report is on the Glen Elder website for everyone to view, or a copy can be picked up here at city hall.

Executive session

At 8:25 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session with the mayor, council, and Eldon Behymer for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Larry seconded the motion, motion carried with five ayes.

At 8:35 pm Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Larry made a motion to amend the wage ordinance and raise Daniel Firebaugh and Devon Housh's pay \$1.00 per hour to begin with the June paycheck, or May's time worked. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

March 03, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 3rd, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Mike Schrant – KDNS, Garry Clark, Attorney Katie Cheney, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 3rd, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Lindsey made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$40,163.94 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Garry Clark informed the council that the county is going to paging on cell phones. He said the old pagers don't work that well in Glen Elder, and the new phone paging works great everywhere. He noted that it will not replace the old pagers. He said the city share of the cost will be \$359.00 this year and \$339.00 the following years. He said the county 911

department will purchase the needed equipment and the city will pay the county. He said the new paging can come in as a text, calling/tone, or if the fireman has an I-Phone there is an app for the new paging. Larry made a motion to approve the paging on cell phones for \$359.00 this year. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Tracy abstained, since she is on the fire department.

The clerk asked about transferring leftover money from last year into the equipment reserve fund for the fire department. The council gave their blessing.

Code Enforcement

Attorney Cheney informed the council that she had drafted new code enforcement letters. Chris Wagner reported that he visited with Dennis Rominger about some issues around his business. The council asked him to visit with Rominger about parking in the alley. The council asked him to visit with Thomas Depew about his property, Chris responded with when the weather warms up he will be talking to several property owners. The council briefly mentioned a few that are hot rodding around town and how frustrating the noise is.

Website

Ryan mentioned that he contacted Jenny Russell about our website. The council reviewed a quote from her firm and the information from Greg German. Ryan would like the council to make a final decision on the website by the end of the year.

Valley Gutters & Curbs

Supervisor Eldon Behymer informed the council that we have several areas around town that need attention when it comes to curbs and valley gutters. He said that the city crew will do the tear out and clean-up, and he would like to hire contractors to form up and pour concrete. He said we will save half of the cost with the city crew doing so much of the work.

He said the following areas need attention: 1. Second & Hobart Streets – the valley gutter is in bad shape and is allowing water to soak under the street. 2. The curb from the valley gutter to Lund's house. 3. The curb in front of Brett Winkel's. 4. The curb from Sharon McKinnie's to Thomas Depew's. 5. The entire curb on the inside of the square. Eldon added that he would like to do one side of the square and then do another side in three to four months.

The council reviewed the bids from Kusler and Eberle, with Kusler's bid coming in cheapest. Lindsey made a motion to approve both Hobart projects, starting with the valley gutter. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Waterline

Eldon informed the council that a leak in our waterline was discovered the end of January. The leak is due to a guardrail from the new KDOT bridge project being driven into the existing waterline. Eldon noted that the waterline was located prior to installation of the guardrail. Eldon said that he has visited with KDOT several times and they want the waterline moved and will reimburse us. Eldon stated that he is working on gathering bids for the project, but is having trouble finding contractors at this time to do the boring. He said everyone is swamped with work.

Daycare

The council reviewed the daycare financial report and board notes. The council mentioned that they feel the daycare board is headed down the right path.

City Shop

Eldon asked that the council no longer allow dances to be held in the new shop. He said that they are moving more equipment in the shop and the size of the shop is not sufficient for a dance anyway. The council quickly agreed.

Eldon presented the council with bids for guttering to be put on the new shop. He said water is running into the windows. Larry made a motion to approve the guttering with larger downspouts. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Larry asked how much it would cost to put in the floor heat system. Eldon responded that it would be very expensive and he wants to continue to use space heaters. He did say that an over-head heater would run around \$1,000.00. Eldon added that he has plans to put a bathroom in the shop.

Executive session

At 7:50 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session with the mayor, council, and city attorney for 20 minutes to discuss attorney/client privileged information. Tracy seconded the motion, motion carried with four ayes.

Barry arrived at the meeting.

At 8:10 pm Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon said that he can not find a rubber tire packer, so they sent the old packer to Miller Welding to be re-built. He said it should cost around \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the water emergency plan. Barry made a motion to approve the plan with no changes. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk mentioned the idea of emailing customers utility bills to save money on postage. There was a brief discussion and the council liked the idea.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Jerri Senger

City Clerk

February 03, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 3rd, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Mike Schrant – KDNS, LHS Senior Sierra Senger, Kevin Noller, Jerry Clark, Michelle Hahn, Dawn Porter, Leslie Clark, Sha Callaway, Lori Firebaugh, Attorney Katie Cheney, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 6th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounting to \$42,587.21 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jerry Clark asked to have Devon Housh appointed to the fire department. Barry made a motion to appoint Devon Housh as a fireman. Larry seconded it and the motion carried with four ayes. Jerry mentioned that the tornado siren south of the Methodist Church failed to work this morning. He said that he and Garry will take a look at it next week.

CDBG Housing Grant

Mayor Duskie read the minutes from the January 30th housing board meeting. Larry made a motion to approve Mitre Box to rehab Aaron Eberle's home and to demo both houses if money is remaining. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Councilwoman Anderes and the daycare board arrived.

Daycare

Michelle Hahn, Daycare Board President, informed the council that they are going through a transition period, with changes in staff. She said they have 13 full-time kids and 22 drop-ins. She added that they are full on infants for the next year or so. Michelle said they are operating on a month to month basis. They rely on families paying their bills on time, fund raisers, donations,

and the generous help from the city covering their operating expenses. She mentioned that they have increased their childcare rate by a \$1.00 per day per child. She added they have reduced staff numbers but will not reduce numbers below what is required and safe for the kids. She mentioned that they have discussed doing more fundraisers. Michelle mentioned that she has visited with area childcare facilities and the business is simply not a money maker. Councilmember Wheeler said that he would like to see the daycare self-sufficient. Grants were discussed but it was mentioned that there simply isn't much grant money out there. Councilmember Clark suggested waiting a few months to see how their rate increase is working out, and then set a monthly payment amount to the city.

Michelle handed the council the daycare board's goals to regain independence. The council liked these goals. She concluded by saying they would send their meeting minutes and monthly financial statements to the council.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner, Code Enforcement Officer reported that there is a pick-up behind the old Co-op station that he will visit with the property owner about. He talked about re-writing the old code letters. He would like to set up time limits and contact procedures, with help from the attorney and city council. He said, "If we put timelines on paper, I want to stick to it!" He asked the council to drive around before the next meeting and have input for his letter and procedure updates.

Farmer's Well

Supervisor Behymer stated that the farmer's well is currently set at \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons. Lindsey made a motion to increase the coin operated rate to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve building permit #14-1 to move in a storage building for Jeff Shelton at 401 W. Kansas and permit #14-2 a privacy fence and house addition for Carla and Gary Carl at 204 E. Allen, both upon approval from building permit inspector Barry McPeak. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit #14-2 for Mike and Linda Riley and permit #14-3 for Rodger and Jerri Williams. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive session

At 7:55 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session with the mayor, council, and city attorney for 15 minutes to discuss attorney/client privileged information. Tracy seconded the motion, motion carried with five ayes.

At 8:10 pm Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Report

Barry asked Eldon if he has found a rubber tire packer yet, to which Eldon answered no.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council that the Blue Cross Blue Shield premiums have decreased this year and our plan is one that is grandfathered. She briefly mentioned SB304. She asked if the council wanted copies of the monthly comparison sheets she makes between the utility billing software and the accounting software. Lindsey suggested a copy be kept in a file, as long as they are balancing. The clerk asked for permission to attend the CCMFOA Spring Conference in Wichita on March 12-14th, the council gave their blessing.

Website

The Mayor said he had visited with Greg German and the council reviewed the email received from German about the website upgrades. Ryan asked the council if the city wants to continue to pay for all the links and link maintenance on the website. He said that he would like the historical information and pictures to stay on the site. He asked the council to take a good look

at the site and recommended they also look at Cawker City's site as it has recently been redone. He mentioned that we have some time before the site needs to be redone, but wants a firm direction of what the council wants on the new site before going to Greg. He added that it will cost around \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 to redo the site.

Council

It was asked what the ordinances say about parking in alleys, the clerk will look into this.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

January 06, 2014

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., January 6th, 2014 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Mike Schrant – KDNS, Adam Vowinckel, Tom Whoolery, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 2nd, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounting to \$39,262.02 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Opening Bids

Eldon suggested the council not accept bids below \$1,200.00 for the John Deere grapple bucket and nothing lower than \$6,500.00 for the 1986 Ford backhoe. He said they are worth more and can wait until summer to sell them if needed. The council opened a total of 17 bids. Troy Roth came in with the high bid at \$7,777.00 for the backhoe and Senger Construction with \$1,250.00 for the grapple bucket. Larry made a motion to accept both high bids. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner, Code Enforcement Officer reported that Dahl and Anderson have cleaned up their violations. Joe Smith tagged a vehicle and will clean up his yard with the weather is warmer. Chris stated that he would like to re-write the code letters, with help from the city attorney.

Housing Rehab Extension

Lindsey made a motion to apply to the state for a 6 month extension on the housing rehabilitation grant deadline. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Ordinance & Resolution

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinance #676 amending the wages for 2014. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Sheila made a motion to approve Resolution #14-1 waiving the GAAP for 2014. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Sidewalk Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve the payment of \$268.75 to Margaret Moore for 125 square feet of new sidewalk. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Lindsey made a motion to approve, upon inspection approval, the sidewalk application and payment of \$526.75 to Tom Whoolery for 245 square feet of new sidewalk. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit #14-1 for Art and Pat Duerksen. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Wayne's & Daycare

The clerk asked for permission to charge Wayne for the \$150.00 sign fee paid to KDOT. The council said to bill Wayne for the fee. The poor condition of Wayne's east sign was discussed. Chris will visit with him and give him 90 days to repair the sign. The council asked to have Wayne's contract put on the agenda for next month when the attorney will be present.

The clerk informed the council that since taking over the bills and utilities for the Daycare in March of 2011, it has cost the city \$18,970.51. The Mayor stated that the current director is resigning, but no other information was available. The council asked the clerk to invite the Daycare board to the February meeting and ask them to present a plan to become self-sufficient at that time.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that the new skid loader was delivered this morning. He said we got the loader for \$865.00 and the next skid loader is scheduled to be delivered in July. He added that with every new loader they add a few more bells and whistles, for example the new loader delivered today has joysticks.

Clerk's Report

Lindsey approved the auditor's policy on hiring office employees as written. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The clerk presented the council with the letter received with the last Farmway Coop bushel check-off money and a print-out detailing the bushel amounts received in 2013 and which funds they went into.

The clerk asked to have the back computer replaced with a new one, as XP will no longer be supported. She stated in a couple years she would like to replace the front Vista computer. There was a discussion on the two new computer bids received. The council felt they are both too high and will keep looking.

The clerk presented the council with information on the new rural water rates, \$5.25 per thousand. It was noted that this rate is much higher than the current residential rate charged in town. This also brought up the low rate charged at the farmer's well. Eldon reported that the coin operator was installed in 1984 and he just purchased an add-on to the coin operator so the fee can be increased and the quarters can be put in all at one time. It was asked what Beloit and Cawker City charge at their wells, the clerk will find this out. The topic was tabled until next month.

The council reviewed the website information provided by Greg German. The Mayor said that Greg will need to update the site within the year, but did not give him an amount it will cost the city. The clerk was asked to contact him and find out the cost of the update.

The council reviewed the employee vacation information. After a brief discussion, Larry made a motion to increase vacation time after 15 years of employment to maximum of four weeks or 20 days per year, starting in 2014. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

December 02, 2013

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 2nd, 2013 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Mike Schrant – KDNS, Dan Winkel,

Tracy Diehl, Sha Callaway, Michelle Hahn, Dawn Porter, City Attorney Katie Cheney, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 4th, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$72,496.27 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Daycare

Tracy Diehl, Daycare Director, informed the council that Brenda Tietjens requested to be replaced as payroll accountant beginning January 2014. She said Dion Hake will do the payroll for a fee of \$40.00 per month. Tracy reported that they are full on babies, but could use more pre-school age children right now. Michelle Hahn stated that they are dealing with employee turn-over right now and that is their largest expense. She added that the daycare board wishes to keep a good working relationship with the City, as they need the City to help with their bills. She said that they are doing fundraisers to help with expenses. Tracy handed out information on their rates and state staff requirements. The council reviewed the financial statement through 9/30/2013 and asked to keep receiving the quarterly reports. When asked if the daycare could make it without the financial help from the city they answered no, not without raising childcare rates. The council okayed the hire of Mrs. Hake as the new payroll accountant.

Dan Winkel Electric

The agreement between the City and Dan Winkel for the electrical service to his yard lights was signed by all parties, and Dan received his copy. Dan said he was happy with the agreement but wanted to know if in the future he or future property owners could request a possible change to how electricity is fed to the lights. The council responded yes, at a council meeting.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner, Code Enforcement Officer reported that he mailed out two letters, with USPS tracking on them. He said if they do not comply with the letter he has sent, the next step is to get City Attorney Cheney involved. Chris stated that he has made several attempts to get CJ Anderson to clean up the trash in his yard and contact Kay Dahl about the abandoned vehicle in her yard, with not luck.

Corner of Mill & Kansas

Attorney Cheney presented the agreement with Farmway Coop on repair at the corner of Mill and Kansas streets. Tracy made a motion to approve the agreement, and Barry seconded the motion. The vote carried with five ayes.

CMB License

Larry made a motion to approve the 2014 cereal malt beverage license, on and off premises, for Wayne's Sporting Goods. The council asked Katie about the legality of Wayne's patrons drinking beer on the sidewalk in front of his store. She will check into what the state has on this.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #13-26 enlarge the garage for Marvin McGuire at 309 N. Nash, and permit #13-27 a patio deck for Frank Shelton at 401 W. Kansas. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Sidewalk Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve the sidewalk permit application for Margaret Moore to repair the sidewalk at the apartment garages on Allen Street. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 7:33 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters with the council and mayor present for no more than 15 minutes. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that Devon will start wastewater certification school next week at Concordia. The classes will be one day a week for 16 weeks, at a fee of \$1,600.00. He will be driving the city pick-up. Eldon added that he wants to send Daniel and Devon to water school to become certified operators in that as well.

Eldon reported that the old backhoe and grapple bucket have been put on Nex-Tech Classifieds and he is receiving calls already. He is telling folks that sealed bids will be opened at the January 6th council meeting. The clerk will put the following ad on the cable channel and in the paper. For sale by sealed bid. 1986 Ford 555B Backhoe with 2800 hours and a John Deere Grapple Bucket GS-72". The city has the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be accepted at City Hall until 5:00 pm on January 6, 2014.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that she has asked Duff Watson for information on purchasing new computers for the office. She is still waiting to hear back from him. The council discussed the delinquent list of customers that have been turned into the state for collection. There was also a brief discussion on the state's change to allow the city to hold landlords responsible for delinquent utility bills. The council tabled this matter for now.

Wage Review

Sheila made a motion to increase full-time employees .25¢ per hour, with the rest of the wages staying the same for now. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Council Report

The council asked about the tree planting project. Eldon replied that the guy who digs the trees has failed to show up. The council wondered with it being so late in the season if the project is possible.

Barry mentioned that Farmway was thinking about expanding their grain drying facility, but they have put the project on hold now.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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