

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

January 05, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., January 5th, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Tracy Anderes, and Barry McPeak. Also in attendance: Mike Frost and Daughter, Dan Page – KDNS, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the December 1st, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of December amounting to \$49,643.81, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Dog Request

Mike Frost asked the council for permission to keep his three greyhounds at his house. He said the location he kept them at out of town is no longer available. Mike said he still has Max, his old lab, but his health is failing. Mike told the council if they would give him permission, he would build proper pens to keep the greyhounds in. The council granted him permission, but said if there are any problem with the dogs then would need to be re-evaluated.

Executive Session

At 7:05 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for five minutes. She called the council and mayor into the executive session. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

City Attorney

The council briefly discussed increasing attorney wages to \$100.00 per hour plus pay for mileage to meetings.

Rural Water Contract

Mayor Duskie reported to the council that the contract with Rural Water District #2 expired on December 27, 2014. He said he rejected the last proposal their attorney drafted.

Resolution & Ordinance

Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #15-1 waiving the GAAP for 2015. It authorizes the wavier of the requirements of using generally accepted accounting principles for the year ending December 31, 2015. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #686 amending the wages for 2015. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Website

Mayor Duskie received a call from Greg German about updating the website. Duskie feels the website is essential to our town. There was some discussion on the website and the Clerk was asked to put it on the agenda next month.

Daycare

The council reviewed reports on Daycare expenses to the City. Mayor Duskie reported that a letter will be sent to the Daycare board this month concerning the contract with the City.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he needs to order a new chlorinator head for the wells. It will cost around \$1,200.00. He also said they will be doing some maintenance on the fire station. He said the door seals are shot and need to be replaced, as well as the furnaces need to

be replaced with more efficient ones. Eldon said he would like to visit with Fire Chief Clark and get garage door openers as well. The council wants the furnaces and door maintenance supplies to come out of the General Fund, not Fire Fund.

Eldon also reported that he would like to look for a different basket truck this year, as the one we have is starting to cost money with all the repairs and problems it is having.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk mentioned that elections are this April for Larry, Barry, and Tracy's positions. She mentioned the Capital Improvement Plan for the council's review. The council discussed the letter received from Linda Riley, especially her concerns for the truck traffic on Kansas Street. It was noted that Farmway has been loading out more trains, so the truck traffic has been heavier than in the past. The council discussed possible ways to get the trucks to slow down and felt it would benefit talking to Farmway about concerns.

The Clerk mentioned the county called and trash rates will remain the same for 2015.

Council Report

There was some discussion about illegally parking on sidewalks, with vehicles and ATV's.

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

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

February 02, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 2nd, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, and Barry McPeak. Tracy Anderes arrived later in the meeting. Also in attendance: Daniel Firebaugh and Son, Dave Remus, Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 5th, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Lindsey 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 January amounting to \$55,803.08, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kansas One-Call, Cawker City Ledger and Attorney Bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Dog Request

Daniel Firebaugh and son asked the council for permission to get a third dog at their house. The council granted them permission, saying it is not a problem until it becomes a problem.

City Attorney

Barry made a motion to retain Katie J. Schroeder as City Attorney, increasing her pay to \$100.00 per hour and pay for her mileage to attend meetings at the current IRS rate. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Rural Water Contract

The council reviewed the last contract revision received by our attorney. Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #15-2 entering into a ten-year contract with Rural Water District #2. The city will pay a monthly fee of \$500.00, with an increase to \$1,950.00 when the district delivers water to the city. Sheila seconded the motion and Lindsey abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement

Chris informed the council that not much is happening now due to the cold weather. He hasn't received any complaints, but has noticed a couple things that need attention. Chris said when the weather warms a little he hopes to see some improvement.

WAPA Contract

The council reviewed the paperwork on the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Electric Power Contract Extension. The contract between the city and WAPA would be extended through September 30, 2054. Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution #15-3 approving the contract extension with WAPA. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Website

The council discussed the website. Once the website is redone the council would like to be able to make small changes to the site from City Hall. The council will make a decision at next month's meeting.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the resignation letter from Shanae Porter as co-manager of the pool. They also discussed a letter received from Kylie Moore, who would like to stay on as manager or co-manager. The council would like to see more adult supervision and would like the other co-manager to live in town and be easily accessible. The council asked to have Karen Miller and Kylie Moore attend the next council meeting.

Daycare

The council reviewed the letter sent by the city attorney to the Daycare in August 2014 along with a new letter drafted to the Daycare. The letter states that the City will no longer subsidize the daycare past the current agreement end date of December 31, 2015. The council approved the new letter to be sent.

Water Tower

Eldon asked the council to decide when they would like to have the water tower painted. He would like to hire Schwab-Eaton to design and oversee the project. He also would like permission from the council to get a frequency drive. He said they are pretty pricey but would eliminate having to run water down the gutters while work is being done on the tower. Eldon estimates the project to cost around \$15-20,000.00. Tracy made a motion to allow Eldon to contact Schwab-Eaton and start the process. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ryan asked the council to consider having a logo painted on the tower instead of the black block lettering. The council liked the idea of having it as an extra option on the bid project, that way if too expensive it can be cut.

Building Permits

Eldon informed the council that the new storage shed that Cunningham Communications wants to build will be on the city right-of-way by six to eight feet. He said it will be within the ditch and will not interfere with drainage in the ditch. Lindsey made a motion to approve Building Permit #2015-1 for Cunningham Communications to put up a new storage shed with a variance allowing it to be on City right-of-way by approximately six to eight feet. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon stated that the building site for David Remus's house will be well within the boundaries set by ordinance. Lindsey made a motion to approve Building Permit #2015-2 a new home for David Remus on West 2nd Street. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#1 for Craig & Kyla Slate, 2015#2 for Rodger & Jerri Williams, 2015#3 for Mike & Linda Riley, 2015#5, #6, & #7 for Art & Pat Duerksen. The motion included to approve permit 2015#4 for Dave Remus upon receipt of all required paperwork for the permit. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon gave the council pictures of a 2007 Altec basket truck he would like to purchase. He said the price would be higher than what is on the pictures because Altec has gone through the truck. Eldon felt the truck would cost around \$50-60,000.00. Eldon informed the council that Altec does not want our 1997 basket truck as a trade-in. He said the nitrogen system in our truck is why no one will work on it. Tracy asked Eldon to get more information and final figures on the 2007 truck and the council asked him to see if Altec has any other trucks coming in.

Eldon informed the council that he will be getting in 150 tons of chat. He said it will cost around \$35-36 per ton.

Eldon said that he and Fire Chief Clark have visited about three new garage door openers. He has bids from WWZ for \$850.00, Senger Construction for \$675.00 and Koster's Building Center for \$653.00. He added that he has visited with three different plumbers about heating the fire station, all with different ideas. He said he has a bid for a central heat furnace that would blow warm air from the bottom of the 96% efficient unit from Willow Springs for \$2,987.00. He said that Watts have not turned in any bids yet. Barry made a motion to get the three new garage door openers for the fire station from Senger Construction since they are the lowest bid from a business in town.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that Cawker City is having a special meeting with Mid-Kansas Electric Company representative Ash Mayfield on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. and the Glen Elder governing body has been invited to attend.

The Council discussed the bad check policy and bad check fees. The council wants the bad check fee increased to \$30.00. The council asked about utility disconnection due to bad

checks. Cash basis only customers were also discussed. The council asked the Clerk to visit with the attorney about these policies.

Council Report

Ryan informed the council that he visited with interested property owners about developing the land which is now in fields just east of the hill into a new residential area. He said that it will cost the city to hire Schwab-Eaton to do an aerial overview of the area, essential for city infrastructure.

Lindsey is concerned about the dust problem when they are loading trains. Ryan will contact Farmway representatives about the oil system they promised to use.

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

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Jerri Senger

City Clerk

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

March 2, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 2nd, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 2nd, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$34,823.96, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Larry made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Rural Water Contract

Mayor Ryan Duskie informed the council that the new contract with Rural Water District #2 should be approved by their board this week at their monthly meeting. The council confirmed that the Clerk is already making the monthly payments as stated in the new contract.

Website

Greg German set up a sample website for Glen Elder at glenelder.weebly.com. Mayor Duskie asked the council to review the site with its new layout and format. He noted that we will be able to make small changes in-house and the final cost should be around \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00. After a brief discussion, Tracy made a motion to approve Greg German to re-do our website. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris informed the council that there are a couple properties in town that need some cleaning up and hopes once the weather warms these will show improvement. The Mayor and council commented that they would prefer folks not to park in their front yards as it makes properties look bad.

Pool Manager

The council reviewed the resignation letter from pool co-manager Kylie Moore. Larry made a motion to hire Karen Miller as the pool manager. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Bucket Truck

Eldon gave the council four bucket truck options from a company in Texas, ranging in price from \$39,900.00 to \$49,900.00. The trucks in Texas have been gone through, inspected and tested. Eldon said they guarantee that the trucks are in working order. He said our current 1997 truck is having mechanical problems and have been looking for parts for three months now. Eldon feels our current truck is worth anywhere from \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and would have to sell it ourselves as the company does not want our truck as a trade-in. Eldon told the council he would like to send Devon Housh down to look at the trucks and pick out which would be best for the City of Glen Elder. Lindsey made a motion to send Devon to select a bucket truck for no more than \$50,000.00. The city will pay for his mileage and one night at a motel. Tracy seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare

The council reviewed the daycare reports and minutes. The Mayor mentioned that he encouraged the daycare to apply for a Mitchell County grant that they are eligible for.

March 2, 2015

Sidewalk Project

The council discussed a CDBG grant that is available to redo sidewalks. Unfortunately the application deadline is next week and we would need to meet low to moderate income qualifications through a city-wide survey. The council wants to see if the grant will be extended or offered again next year.

Bad Check/Utility Payment Policy

The council and city attorney discussed updating the utility payment policy. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the new utility payment policy effective immediately. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried five ayes. The council asked the clerk to mail the new policy with the next utility bills to all current customers, post it on the front door, and have it put on the local cable channel.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tracy made a motion to approve resolution #15-4 adopting the North-Central Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permit 2015#8 for Terry and Crystal Cunningham. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon expressed concern about the township's property that he has previously asked to be removed. The township grader and miscellaneous items are located south of American Ag and Auto on city property. The council asked Katie to send them a letter giving 30 days to move everything off of city property.

Eldon asked for permission to put in a new central furnace in the fire station. After some discussion the council decided to wait to purchase a new furnace.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that the city's KMEA board of director position #1 needs to be renewed. Barry made a motion to re-appoint Clerk Jerri Senger as the KMEA board of director #1 position. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The Clerk mentioned the employee health and dental insurance renewal premium rates.

The Clerk informed the council that on March 19th Kansas Power Pool will be hosting a meeting in Cawker City about electricity options.

The City received the 4th quarter bushel check from Farmway Coop in the amount of \$15,920.17.

Council Report

There was a discussion on the high truck traffic in town. Linda Riley sent a letter to the council addressing this issue. Councilmember Tracy Anderes received a phone call from a concerned citizen about truck traffic. It was noted that law enforcement has come into town and clocked traffic and found that residents drive faster on the streets than most of the semi-trucks, but we do not have full-time enforcement. Larry Wheeler advised the council to really try to find a solution to the issues that have arisen with the larger facility that Farmway has in town now.

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 8:50 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

April 6, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 6th, 2015 at City Hall, with Acting Mayor Sheila Paxson and council members: Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Dan Winkel, Gregg Snyder, Ken Kusler, Nichole McDaniel, Karen Miller, Jerry Clark, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Chris Wagner, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 2nd, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounting to \$55,003.74, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jerry Clark informed the council that there is a seal out on the green fire truck. He said that the truck can not be pump tested with the seal out and he is having trouble finding someone to repair it. He said it will be expensive to get the fire truck repaired.

Executive Session

At 7:03 pm Lindsey called an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes with the council, attorney, city clerk, and Eldon present. Tracy seconded the motion.

At 7:13 pm Acting Mayor Sheila Paxson reopened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Pool Manager

Karen Miller thanked the council for hiring her as pool manager and gave them an overview of the guards she has lined up to work this summer. There was a brief discussion on getting the pool ready for the Memorial weekend opening.

CDBG Sidewalk Grant

The City wants to apply for a Community Development Block Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to replace sidewalks around town. Fortunately the grant deadline was changed to June 1st, 2015. Nichole McDaniel informed the council that 233 surveys were sent out and the city needs to meet the 51% low to moderate income to qualify for this grant. The surveys must be returned by April 10, 2014 and we need have a good number of the surveys returned or we may need to go door-to-door. Nichole said the minimum grant amount is \$100,000.00 and the maximum is \$350,000.00. She added we must have already procured an engineer. The council informed her that we have Schwab-Eaton working with us on the water tower project. Nichole said we would need to pay the engineering fees if we get the grant or not. She said that the grant is a unique one because the city match is only 10% and the state rarely funds these types of projects. She added that competition is going to be tough as several communities want to take advantage of this grant.

Bucket Truck

Eldon gave the council pictures of the \$39,000.00 bucket truck and said it was a rust bucket the city did not need. He said Devon selected a 2002 Freightliner FL80 4X4, for \$49,999.85. He said the clerk set up the financing through the same company the backhoe was purchased through. The truck should be delivered as soon as the financing paperwork is signed. Larry made a motion to approve Resolution #15-5 purchasing the 2002 Freightliner truck, getting 3-year financing through KS StateBank, and authorizing Ryan Duskie and Clerk Senger to execute the paperwork for the financing. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner told the council the usual places need attention and he would like to send a letter to the property owner of 200 N. Vine.

Trash Ordinance #687

Katie informed the council that she re-vamped the entire code article concerning solid waste collection. She said it was time to update as the ordinance was adopted in 1975. After a brief discussion, Larry made a motion to approve Ordinance #687 adopting new solid waste collection rules and regulations, tied to water connections. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

The council discussed building permits. Eldon said that he called the Christian Church and they gave verbal permission for Rodger Williams to put his car port two feet from their property line. Other permits of concern were Nic Wood's car port will be moved further onto his property and Larry Wheeler said Gregg Snyder's new storage unit should be fine as it will not go past the line of his fence to the north or the south edge of his other unit.

Lindsey made a motion to approve the following permits: #15-3 a shed for Kim Gaston at 204 S. Hobart, #15-4 move in a shed & a variance to have carport 2' from property line for Rodger Williams at 105 N. Hobart, #15-5 a shed, deck, redo front porch, and car port for Nic Wood at 112 E. Main, #15-6 a dog pen for Dustin Logan at 100 N. Vine, #15-7 a shed and fence for Tina Bowlin at 305 N. Nash, #15-8 a shed for Gregg Snyder at 404 E. Kansas, #15-9 a storage unit for Gregg Snyder at 412 E. Kansas, #15-10 a shed for John Senger at 300 N. Nash, #15-11 a lean-to on garage for John Senger at 304 N. Nash, #15-12 a roof over the deck for Wanda King at 201 N. Nash. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#9 for Brandan Lindsay, 2015#10 for Dan and Linda Winkel, 2015#11 for Larry Hiserote. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he would like to hire three summer employees. Tyron Gruwell will be returning, Dawson Johnson, and Quintin Silsby. The council granted him permission.

Eldon said that the City Hall roof and the roof on the North shop both need repaired. He gave the council a couple bids for the projects, but said it could be decided on at next month's meeting.

Eldon informed the council that we have residents in town that turn the city's water meter on and off themselves. He said this wears out the city meter as folks are not getting the meter turned off completely. He said they have a current case where the city meter must be replaced because the property owner refuses to repair a water leak on his property and kept trying to turn on and off the city meter. Eldon said it is expensive to replace these meters.

Eldon told the council that the township still has property up on the hill. Katie mentioned that she will send them one last letter.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the council that the dog case last month went well and the judge was stern with the dog owner. She asked the council to read the letter requesting re-appointment of Judge Bonnie Wilson next month.

Council Report

Tracy stated that the Easter Egg hunt went well and the city train was a huge hit. It was noted that the train needs to be worked on. It was mentioned that we have a nice square and thanked the city guys for their help with the hunt.

Sheila reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

The council asked that everyone return their sidewalk grant surveys.

April 6, 2015

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

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

Glen Elder City Council Minutes (SPECIAL)

April 14, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., April 14th, 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: Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Sidewalk Grant

Eldon informed the council that he met with Stuart Porter about the CDBG sidewalk grant project. He mentioned that Stuart feels this grant is a once in a life-time opportunity from the state. He added that a grant only requiring a 10% match from the city and a grant paying for sidewalks and park projects is very rare. Eldon said that the engineers need to know the maximum we want to spend on this grant, because once their report is submitted the dollar amount of the grant application cannot be changed. It was suggested that we replace the sidewalks in the square. Eldon added that Stuart checked and the city cannot use removing the sidewalks as part of the 10% match. Eldon said the city crew will go around town and get a list of the sidewalks that need replaced. The council briefly talked about the funding of the sidewalk project and how it will effect funding of the water tower project. Eldon suggested we install the frequency drives this year and put the rest of the water tower project off until next year.

Lindsey made a motion to spend up to \$30,000.00, city share, on the sidewalk grant project. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. It was noted that the sidewalk project will be paid for out of the capital improvement fund. Larry made a motion to hire Schwab-Eaton as the engineering firm for the sidewalk grant project. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The council discussed the need to meet the 51% low-to-moderate income with the surveys and they want everyone to return the surveys as soon as possible.

With no other business Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger
City Clerk

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

May 4, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., May 4th, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Larry Wheeler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Ken Kusler, Dan Page – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 6th & 14th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounting to \$44,456.27, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Attorney, and Farmway Coop bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Gift Presentation and Oath of Office

Ryan Duskie presented Larry Wheeler with an engraved clock and thanked him for his six years of service as a council member.

The Clerk took the following oaths: Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak and Tracy Anderes as council members. Ken Kusler took his seat at the council table.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council he will be sending a letter to Cheryl Hale for her property on N. Vine. Chris visited with Joe Smith but there is no improvement to his property so he will be sending him a letter as well. Chris requested the city have more teeth with the folks he visits with on a continual basis. The council will visit with the city attorney about this.

Chris informed the council with him living out of town, running a business and a family does not allow him to drive around Glen Elder and look for folks to visit with about violations. He would understand if the council wants to find a replacement, or cut his pay. He said if he stays in the position he would prefer the council or city employees to call him with a list of problem areas and then he can visit with those property owners.

Annual Appointments

Mayor Duskie made the following annual appointments:

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: Lindsey Clark, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler

Water/Swim Pool Committee:

Ch: Tracy Anderes, Barry McPeak, Sheila Paxson

Street/Alley/Sidewalk Committee:

Ch: Ken Kusler, Lindsey Clark, Barry McPeak

May 4, 2015

Park/Building Permit Committee:

Ch: Eldon Behymer, Ken Kusler, Tracy Anderes

Cemetery Committee: Ch: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Barry McPeak

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.

Lindsey made a motion to approve the appointments made by the Mayor. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

CDBG Sidewalk Grant

The council discussed the state sidewalk grant. We still need to reach the 51% LMI on the surveys to qualify for the grant, we are less than 10% away from that goal. Everyone needs to fill out and return a survey. The council set up a special meeting for Thursday May 21st at 6:30 pm to hold a public hearing on the sidewalk grant.

Water Tower Project

Eldon wants to get the frequency drive installed by July so it can be used before the water tower project is started. Barry made a motion to purchase a frequency drive from the company recommended by Schwab Eaton, in the range of \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Vacating Street & Alley

The council discussed the request made by Wes Thompson to close a street and alley next to his property. This was tabled until next month.

Stop Sign

Eldon requested a stop sign be put up on the northeast corner of Center Street and Waconda Drive. He said it has a yield sign but that intersection has a history of wrecks. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-13 a car port for Bill Erb at 108 N. College, #15-15 a deck for the new Christian Church Parsonage at 112 N. Center, #15-16 a 8x10 building for the American Legion at 200 W. Main, and #15-17 a building addition for Waconda Boats at 408 N. Center. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#12 for Ken Kusler, 2015#13 for Adam & Jody Vowinckel, 2015#14 for American Ag & Auto, and 2015#15 for Vencil Ptacnik. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes and Ken abstained.

Daycare Reports

There were no daycare reports again this month.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he lost two summer employees last month due to them making more money elsewhere. He said he knows of at least one young man from Beloit that will apply.

He asked the council to review the City Hall and north shop roof bids he gave them last month. He said that he is getting bids on re-tucking the City Hall building. He said three sides of the building are in bad shape and hopes to have the bids at the next meeting.

The council discussed putting the 1995 bucket truck up for sealed bids. The bids will be due by 5:00 pm on June 1st and opened at the council meeting that evening.

Clerk's Report

The swimming pool fees were discussed. The council asked to leave everything the same as last year. The council reviewed the bill for Wayne's signs on highway 24 and the thank you note from the Lakeside After Prom committee.

Council Report

Ryan present the council with a letter from Central National Bank President Beth Holling. She would like to refinance the two existing notes the city has with Kansas State Bank in Manhattan.

The council discussed the need for public restrooms downtown during Fun Day and the Fun Runs. It was noted that along with the port-a-potties put out the bathrooms at the pool are opened and will continue until we have problems.

Executive Session

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

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Duskie re-opened the regular meeting with no decisions being made in the executive session.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

June 1, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 1, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Larry & Alice Thompson, Dan Page – KDNS, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 4th & 21st, 2015 meetings 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 May amounting to \$45,443.89, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Boettcher Supply, Kiefer, Cawker City Ledger, White Star, Greg German bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Mayor Ryan Duskie left the room and asked Sheila to take over the meeting.

Thompson Housing Development

Larry and Alice Thompson presented the council with a map and proposal of their property. They want to provide suitable property for building new homes, providing additional family housing and potential growth for Glen Elder. Their map outlines 14 lots for sale with a cul-de-sac street in the middle. Eldon gave the council rough cost estimates on materials for the proposed housing development. Water materials would be around \$8,000.00, Sewer materials around \$16,000.00 and he added that they would run the electric above ground. He said to get closer estimates the project would need to be engineered for all utilities as well as the road layout. Hiring Schwab-Eaton will cost around \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The clerk noted that the city already spent \$1,177.00 on preliminary housing development plans with Schwab-Eaton.

There were a couple different ideas on how to divide the payment of the utilities and road in the proposed development among future landowners. It was determined the city attorney needs to be involved in recommending how repayment of the new infrastructure should be. Eldon asked if the council is willing to go forward with this project.

There was some discussion on the Gas Company's rectifier beds that lie below the proposed housing development. Alice informed the council that her preliminary layout has the street right-of-way over the rectifier beds. Alice also asked if they needed to provide road access to the adjoining property to the north, for any future development. The council said the Thompson's did not, it is their land and how they choose to layout the development was their choice.

Lindsey made a motion to have Eldon contact Schwab-Eaton and get cost estimates for the Thompson housing development. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mayor Duskie was called back into the room and he took over the meeting.

Code Enforcement

The council held a lengthy discussion on putting more teeth into property clean-up, including fining property owners for failure to comply with codes. The city attorney will be contacted for legal input on this issue.

CDBG Sidewalk Grant

Clerk Senger informed the council that the CDBG grant application was submitted and the city qualified by reaching 51.69% low-to-moderate income. Now we wait to hear if we are selected.

Vacating Street & Alley

Lindsey made a motion to vacate the north/south alley between blocks three and six, Allen's Addition and vacate a portion of west Third Street lying south of block three Allen's Addition with Ordinance #688. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Fireworks Sale Permit

Tracy made a motion to approve the fireworks sale permit for Shauna Remus. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Bucket Truck Bids

Eldon informed the council that the new bucket truck has hydraulic leaks. The Texas company we purchased the truck from will be taking the truck into a shop and repairing it, at their expense.

Mayor Duskie opened the sealed bids for the 1995 Ford bucket truck: Gordon McMillan bid \$7,000.99, Jacobs Auto Sales bid \$8,705.00, Farmway Coop bid \$10,895.00. Lindsey made a motion to accept the bid from Farmway Coop for the 1995 bucket truck, with them not taking possession until our new truck is back from the shop.

City Hall Roof

Eldon said that he did not receive a bid from the Salina Company recommended by Barry. Geisler Roofing is the lowest bid he received with Duro-Last roof material, at \$6,799.00 for City Hall and \$5,499.00 for the shop. Barry made a motion to approve Geisler Roofing to install a Duro-Last roof on the City Hall building. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-20 build front steps for Brent Emerson at 212 S. Vallette, #15-22 build a privacy fence for Daniel Firebaugh at 300 E. Main. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#16 for Rick & Mary Gruwell, 2015#17 for Marvin McGuire. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare Reports

There were no daycare reports again this month, but the council members mentioned the Daycare did receive a grant.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council that the city could get another 2% discount on workers comp insurance through KMIT if the city would adopt a new policy on drug testing new hires and in the case of on-the-job accidents. The Clerk will do more research and visit with the attorney on this subject.

Eldon informed the council that a large military marker was damaged by a mower. He said he is in the process of having it replaced.

Clerk's Report

The clerk mentioned the dividend refund received for good safety practices from the EMC Insurance Company. She also gave the council copies of the annual water consumer report and informed the council that copies of the report are on the website or can be picked up here at City Hall. The council reviewed the letter from Farmway Coop for the bushel set-off

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check received in the amount of \$8,865.54, this money will be put into the capital improvement fund.

Council Report

Ryan informed the council that Greg German is ready to go live with the new website on Weebly, this week. He asked the council members to go on the new site, check it out and give Greg some feedback. Ryan added that he purchased the required 2-year subscription fee for the new website since the city does not have a credit card. It was mentioned that Greg's bill will be coming in this month for the website set-up and should be around \$1,750.00.

Barry asked about the stop sign requests, the subject will be put on the agenda next month when the attorney can be here.

Tracy informed the council that the community club would like the pool to be closed on Fun Day. She mentioned that they have a full day of activities planned. She also mentioned that the street on the south side of the square will need to be blocked off that day.

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 9:15 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

July 6, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., July 6, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack – KDNS, Jerry Clark, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 1st, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounting to \$65,548.21, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Cawker City Ledger, Farmway Coop, Beloit Ready-Mix, and Attorney bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve all claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Public Comment

Fire Chief Jerry Clark informed the council that Watts Manufacturing LLC replaced the seal on the fire truck. He said he is very impressed with the work they did and the repair cost \$1,607.65, which he is thrilled about.

Jerry had some comments about the fireworks over the weekend. He said too many, too late and our town sounded like a war zone. The council discussed shortening the times and days for shooting fireworks off. Ken suggested amending the current ordinance and limit fireworks on July 1st and 2nd to 11:00 pm. Katie will draft a new ordinance for the next meeting.

It was also mentioned that kids were throwing fireworks at vehicles driving by on Hobart, which is unlawful.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner gave the council a list of properties around town that need attention. The council asked him to visit with four additional property owners. There was a discussion on how to handle property owners that fail to comply with clean up requests by Chris. Katie instructed Chris to take pictures, make a list of the violations and she will send the property owners a 10-day letter. If the property is not cleaned up after the ten days, then an official complaint can be filed and a municipal court date will be set. It was decided to do multiple folks at a time to save money with the attorney and judge.

Audit & Budget

Scot Loyd, CPA with Swindoll Janzen Hawk & Loyd, LLC presented the council with the 2014 Annual Audit Report. Scot went over the communication letter as well as the financial schedules in the report. This audit report will be sent into the state.

Scot informed the council of the states newly passed tax lid and went over the 2016 budget with the council. He explained to have a healthy general fund he recommends having at least three months worth of expenditure money in cash. He said our general fund is weak, but added that our electric fund is good. The draft of the budget has the 2016 mill levy at 33.306, the same for the last few years. Scot asked the council what they want to do with the mill levy.

The council discussed the budget and the projects that are coming up in the future. The council asked the clerk to put the old bucket truck money received from Farmway Coop toward the loan on the new truck. Eldon informed the council that the frequency drive needed for the water tower project has not arrived yet. It was the consensus of the council to look into utility rates this year instead of increasing the mill levy. It was noted that at some point the mill levy will need to be increased, especially when the assessed valuation stays the same or goes down.

The Thompson Housing Development was briefly discussed. The council feels Larry & Alice Thompson need to get their plat survey done before the City can begin to look into what is

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needed on our end. The council would prefer the Thompsons to attend regular council meetings to discuss the development, not special meetings which would be more expense to the city.

Heinen Property

A portion of Vine Street is currently located on the Heinen property. This road is asphalt and would be difficult and expensive to relocate. Katie needs a legal description of that portion of the property that contains the road, plus any additional right of way that the city may need. She informed the council that once a legal description is obtained, the City can approach the property owner about resolving the issue. Eldon will contact Randy from Schwab-Eaton to get the process started for a survey and legal description.

Speed Limit Signs

The council discussed getting new speed limit signs that read, "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25". These signs are patented by a Nebraska company and would cost approximately \$700.00 for ten signs. The idea failed due to lack of a motion.

Building Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-23 a roof over a deck and a new patio for AJ Hupfer at 308 E. Allen, #15-24 concrete slabs for a grill and dog kennel for Ivan Bruss at 409 N. Center Street. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve the following ATV Permit: 2015#18 for Megan Duskie and Parron Wilcoxson. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council that the condenser had to be replaced on the Daycare air-conditioner, it cost the city \$1,573.00. He informed the council that he measured Gregg Snyder's new storage unit and with the sidewalk around the building the measurements on his original building permit are incorrect. The council would like Gregg to come in and amend his building permit and pay the \$25.00 fee.

Eldon asked about getting stop signs at the corners of Center Street and Waconda Drive, and First and High Streets. Katie asked the Clerk to email the information to her and she will draft the necessary ordinance.

Eldon informed the council of the bids to tuck and point three sides of the City Hall building. The low bid he received is for \$8,622.00 and the high bid is \$10,557.00. He said the building is in bad shape and needs to be done. He said he did receive a bid to tuck and point all four sides; it came in over \$17,000.00. This idea failed at this time, due to lack of a motion. Eldon said that Geisler is due to come install the Duro-Last roof on City Hall.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council that the copier/fax/scanner she purchased just two years ago quit working. She traded it in and got a new unit for \$895.00. She presented the council with the proposal from TMHC for drug and alcohol testing on city employees. After informing them of all the fees involved, it would be cost prohibitive to implement such a program and would not save the city money as had hoped.

The clerk informed those present that the new website, www.glenelder.com is up and running. She asked the council to take a look at the site and give any suggestions or corrections to Greg German. She added that Greg came and showed her how to add council minutes to the site.

The clerk asked about giving \$200.00 to the lake fireworks display. She said the request came after the last meeting. The council gave her the go-ahead.

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There was some discussion on food vendors in town. As stated in the ordinance food vendors that reside in Mitchell County need to fill out an application for a license and pay \$10.00 per day, not to exceed \$70.00 in any six-month period of time.

Council Report

Ken said that he had concerned residents ask him about corners that are blocked by trees, shrubs, or even rose bushes. He said they are traffic hazards. The council said folks with these concerns need to sign a complaint against the property owners or come to a council meeting.

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

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

August 3, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 3, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Larry Hiserote, Chad Hallack – KDNS, Nichole McDaniel, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 6th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with three eyes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounting to \$51,813.12, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kriers Auto Parts, Carrico, and Catlin's bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with three eyes.

Public Comment

Larry Hiserote asked for an extension on his property clean-up. Chris Wagner and the council complimented him on the improvement he has already made. Larry said that he would like to remove the back porch and will need additional time for cleanup of that. Tracy made a motion to extend Hiserote's 45-day abatement period to September 30th. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three eyes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council that Wes Thompson's place has been mowed. He visited with Dennis Rominger about cleaning up his old station. The council would like Mr. Rominger to attend the next council meeting. Chris said that Joe Smith's property was looking better, but Tracy Smith has done nothing to clean-up his property nor has he contacted anyone about the matter. After some discussion, the council decided to proceed with first appearance notice to be served to Tracy Smith.

Chris suggested we go down the list of items that need attention around town, possibly structures that are missing roof sections. This will be discussed next month.

Budget Hearing

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2016 budget. With no one present to comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Barry made a motion to approve the 2016 budget as written. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three eyes.

Sidewalk Grant

Nichole congratulated the council on receiving the CDBG sidewalk grant. She said we still have a tight timeline and the required paperwork needs to be returned to the state by August 15th. She said we will have 18 months to use the sidewalk grant money; the grant period is from August 1, 2015 to January 31, 2017. She said that she is working on the environmentals and a fee of \$1,800.00 will need to come out of city funds to pay for them.

The council told Nichole that the city needs to repaint the water tower, an expensive project. Nichole will check into the possibility of state funding to help with the water tower project.

Thompson Development

Katie Schroeder visited with Alice Thompson and Schab-Eaton about the Thompson development. Katie informed the council of the steps required for the proposed housing development. First the council will need to approve the project, then the city would put up the money for the project completion. Once the project is complete the city can have the county assess repayment to the property taxes of each lot owner. Katie said the city could borrow the money for the project through a bond and that money can be paid back with interest through tax assessments.

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The council reviewed an email from Stuart Porter which included cost estimate of \$135,982.00 for the project. This topic will be put on the agenda next month.

Ordinances

Barry made a motion to adopt ordinance #689 amending city code chapter 7, article 3 concerning discharge and sale of fireworks. This amendment changes hours for discharge and sale of fireworks on July 1st and 2nd between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 3rd and 4th. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Tracy made a motion to approve ordinance #690 amending city code chapter 14, article 2 about stop intersections in the city. This amendment adds stop intersections at Center Street and Waconda Drive, the east entrance, and High Street and First Street, the south entrance. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinances #691 and #692, adopting the 2015 Standard Traffic Ordinances and Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Library Board

The council reviewed the request from the library board to allow members appointed to live outside of City limits. There was some discussion and question on why the board had seven members. The council felt library board members need to live within the city since the library is funded by tax dollars generated in the city. They asked the attorney to draft a resolution to reduce the number of library board members from seven to five.

Heinen Property

Eldon said he has nothing yet from Randy at Schwab Eaton on the Heinen property.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve Gregg Snyder's building permit #15-9 amendment, correcting the dimensions of his new storage unit. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#19 for Cody Fears, and 2015#20 for Eldon Behymer. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he had a request by a young resident to do a Boy Scout project for the city. He said the city would purchase the supplies for the project.

Eldon said that he has a bunch of old equipment he would like to sell on purple wave. Examples of things he wants to sell: old playground equipment, tool boxes, pump motors, and lots of street lights. The council gave their blessing, after the attorney checks into legalities of selling such equipment.

Eldon stated that after the first of the year he would like to purchase a new mower. He would prefer to spend more money to get a better quality mower.

Clerk's Report

The clerk encouraged the council to read the monthly Kansas Government Journal magazines. She presented the council with an updated copy of the capital improvement plan and the equipment reserve fund. Transfers have been made into the equipment reserve fund and she said that she would be using the money received for the old bucket truck to pay on the loan with the

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higher interest rate. She also mentioned the thank you note received from Beloit's 2015 Project Graduation.

Council Report

Tracy received a request for the "Welcome to Glen Elder" signs be replaced. Tracy thanked the city guys for all their help with Fun Day.

Barry mentioned that a Sons of the American Legion is starting up in town.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

September 8, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 8, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Cody Fears, Nichole McDaniel, Stuart Porter, Larry & Alice Thompson, Cody Thompson, Lynn Root and Family, Dennis Rominger, Chad Hallack – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 3rd, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes, Ken abstained.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounting to \$60,017.21, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and Cawker City Ledger bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve all claims. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Dog Request

Lynn Root asked for the council's permission to have three dogs. Tracy made a motion to approve a variance for the Root family to have three dogs. Lindsey seconded the motion and vote carried with five ayes.

Sidewalk Grant

Nichole McDaniel informed the council the sidewalk grant environmental are due by October 15, but she is sending them in early. She had the mayor sign the environmental paperwork, and mentioned she will be sending the clerk an invoice for the amount due. Nichole said now we wait on the release of funds from the state for this grant.

Thompson Development

Stuart Porter, Schab-Eaton explained to the council that the development project is at the point where the council needs to make a decision if they want to proceed or not. He explained that they have developed a preliminary plat for the housing development. He went over the estimated costs of the project and informed the council with special assessments the cost to the city plus interest can be recouped. The attorney added that the state requires special assessments be applied immediately after the project is complete. She added that with a charter ordinance the council could delay the special assessment paybacks to lot owners. Bond financing is fairly costly at 10-15% of the cost. It was mentioned that assessments would be pro-rated per square-foot of each lot to the lot owners. Stuart gave a rough estimate of what each lot may need to pay per year, from a guess of the total project cost. Katie explained once the council approves the project the following steps need to be taken: first pass a resolution with project estimated cost as well as a plan for special assessments, second get bond financing, and third pass an ordinance to assess final expenses to each lot owner. The council asked Stuart when would be the earliest a house could be built in the development. He said with all the steps needed and if everything goes well, late spring of 2016.

The council is concerned because large projects: sidewalk grant, water tower painting and housing development are all happening at once. Ken suggested a special meeting next Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. The council asked Eldon and Jerri to come up with a list of large expenses they predict over the next two years. Katie will get bonding information to the clerk. This matter was tabled until the special meeting on Monday.

Code Enforcement

Dennis Rominger addressed the council, he said he knows his old station is an eye sore but he will not be fixing it up and doesn't have the money to tear it down. He said he is willing to deed

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it over to the city, only asking that we allow him five feet north of his new building. He would give the width of the old building west to the fence. Dennis also asked Eldon to disconnect the electricity. The council felt it best to discuss Rominger's proposal more at the special meeting next Monday.

Chris Wagner said there are two garages in town that need attention, as they both have large holes in the roof. After a brief discussion, Chris will call each of the property owners and send out a 45-day letter. He went through a list of properties that need some attention; he will again contact Joe Smith and Thomas Depew.

Library Board Residency

Cody Fears addressed the council. He stated that he would like to clear up some confusion; the library board is not having trouble finding folks to serve on the board. He said that the board president moved out of town and their purpose was to keep her on the board and in her position. She has since resigned from the board and he is now the board president. The council decided to leave things as they are for now.

Heinen Property

The attorney said she has not received a legal description from Schwab Eaton on the Heinen property. The council felt it best to leave this matter alone.

Water Tower

Nichole informed the council the state considers painting the water tower routine maintenance, and this does not qualify for a grant.

Eldon mentioned that the frequency drive is in and working well. The bill for the drive came in at \$4,800.00, as quoted.

Building Permits

Eldon went over the building permits. He said that he turned down Tracy Smith's request for a fence in front of his trailer because it would block the view for traffic around that corner. Eldon explained Whitney's privacy fence and there was some concern on her putting that type of fence in her front yard. Tracy made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-25 a new fence for Tracy Smith at 119 N. Marshall, #15-26 a new fence and move in a shed for Lynn Root at 201 E. Main, #15-14 a back privacy fence only for Whitney Morrell at 317 N. Hobart, and #15-28 a new screening bin for Farmway Coop at Nash and Railroad Streets. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that several trees around town will need to be removed for the new sidewalks. He estimates at least a dozen trees.

Eldon asked for permission to put in radio controls at the wells, he said Cunningham telephone would like us off their lines. He added that the water control circuits with Cunningham cost the city \$714.00 per year. He received two bids to get new radio controls. The lowest bid was from Pierce Electronics at \$4,600.00. After some discussion, the council decided to wait and get the radio controls next year.

Eldon said that he will get bids for a furnace for the fire station. He is guessing it will cost somewhere around \$3,500.00 for a unit.

Eldon said that the purple wave sale of old equipment is going better than he thought. He said the old playground equipment sold for around \$3,000.00. He mentioned that he would like the money from that sale to be put back into the playground at the park.

Eldon informed the council that the street lights are 100% LED now. He said that the electrical usage has been reduced significantly.

Eldon told the council that the street sweeper broke down and repairs are \$4,000.00.

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Clerk's Report

The clerk again encouraged the council to read the monthly Kansas Government Journal magazines. She informed the council that the second quarter bushel check-off money was received in the amount of \$7,696.43; this money will be put into the capital improvement fund. The clerk transferred \$5,000.00 from the light fund to the swimming pool fund to cover expenses. She mentioned with the large expenses this last month a transfer will need to be made from the light fund to cover the general fund. She asked the council about a donation for the Chili Cook-off. They said to give the same as last year, \$200.00.

Council Report

Tracy gave Eldon a to-do list for the Chili Cook-off on September 26th. The council asked the clerk to put Daycare and Utility Rates on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

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 9:00 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

September 14, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., September 14th, 2015 at City Hall, with Council President, Sheila Paxson presiding and council members Lindsey Clark, Barry McPeak, Tracy Anderes and Ken Kusler present. Also in attendance: Eldon Behymer, and Mary Jo Gruwell.

Thompson Housing Development

Katie Schroeder, City Attorney, pointed out the samples of General Obligation Bonds for 10, 15 and 20 year bonds and loan amortizations she had received this week from Piper Jaffray & Co. She had also contacted an attorney from the League of Municipalities to discuss this development and deferred assessments. It was the feeling of the league attorney that it would be in the best interest of the city to not defer assessments; especially since the city would be donating labor which when computed is a possible savings of \$90,000 to the overall cost of the project. The council had a lengthy discussion with regard to what would happen if the patrons defaulted on the project. McPeak, Anderes and Clark also expressed concerns with other costly projects the city is already committed to such as, the painting of the water tower and sidewalk projects. It was pointed out the council has already developed a plan to help cover the costs of those two projects through capital outlay funds. The Council asked Eldon if there would be any problems with water pressure with an increase in homes. He said no. He felt they could have the water lines run within a week with favorable weather. He feels the electricity would not be a problem either, with poles being placed along the backside of the properties, and possible underground lines to the street for street lights. The sewer system may create more of a challenge as each lot owner would be responsible for running a sewer line to the main line. A discussion was held regarding the building of the streets and the need for good drainage to Second Street. Eldon said, at this time, the street would be rocked rather than oiled. Kusler asked the attorney what happens if the project comes in less than what the bond is set for. The attorney explained that you start with a temporary note until the project is completed and you can see total outlay, then the final bond is set. Paxson stated if all things went well and the lots are sold, it would mean more tax monies as well as utilities for the city, but she realized there is some risk for the city if all doesn't go as planned and patrons default on the project. Ken Kusler made the motion to give Thompson's a proposal the city would get a bond to cover materials needed and donate labor for the project. Thompson's would begin paying assessments at the first tax assessment time after the completion of the project. Tracy Anderes seconded the motion and the motion carried three to one, with McPeak voting no. The city attorney explained this is just the first step. She will contact Thompsons with this proposal. If accepted, the process would continue with Thompson's submitting a petition to the city for the project. The council will have the chance to re-evaluate at that time.

Rominger Building

Eldon opened the discussion letting the council know if they decide to allow Rominger to deed the old station to the city, KDHE said they do not have to have the ground tested. If down the road testing is done for some reason, the city is not financially responsible for the cost of the testing or any outcome the testing might show. There was testing on the ground in 1992 when the tanks were moved from below ground to above ground. They were negative. He said the lot would measure 65' X 122'. The council discussed possible costs that would be incurred such as; surveying, moving the water meter, title search and renting trucks to haul demolition to the landfill. The city attorney stated this overall cost would probably be much less then eventually having to do something anyway as the building becomes more deteriorated. Tracy Anderes made the motion to draw up a contract with Dennis Rominger to take over the property as is, and split survey costs with Rominger. Barry McPeak seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

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 8:35 p.m.

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Mary Jo Gruwell, Assistant City Clerk

October 5, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 5, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Troy Damman, Nichole McDaniel, Brad Weidenhaft, Travis & Mary Eberle, Karen Miller, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 8th & 14th, 2015 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 September amounting to \$36,024.02, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill, were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Sidewalk Grant

Nichole McDaniel informed the council that trees can only be removed for the sidewalk grant between November 1st and March 1st. She said the Department of Wildlife & Parks would only sign off on the environmental if those dates were strictly adhered to, as an effort to save habitat for the endangered long-eared bat in the area. The council reviewed the following forms: Code of Ethics, Procurement Procedure, and Civil Rights/Fair Housing. Lindsey made a motion to approve all three documents, seconded by Ken. Motion carried with five ayes. Nichole added the state should release the grant funds soon. The council asked her when the project would begin; she said we must have a contractor under contract by April 1st.

Baseball Field

Travis & Mary Eberle were present representing the Waconda Baseball Team. They said they would like the city to try and get the baseball field, because without it our town is left with nothing. Troy Damman, USD 272 Superintendent said that the school board would like to donate the baseball field to the city. He added that a survey would be the responsibility of the city and easements to the football field would be needed. He said that the school board will be selling the school building, football field, and playground equipment at an auction on Saturday, November 14th. The council asked if the city could get the football field, Damman said only if the city would submit a bid. He said there are a couple folks interested in the football field and it will go to auction. There was quite a bit of discussion about moving the baseball field east to allow some room for the school building, putting up a permanent fence and making the field large enough to accommodate K-18 ball again. Damman mentioned that the school board is only willing to give the city the original baseball field. He advised the council to come to the October 12th school board meeting and make an offer on the football field if that is what the city is wanting.

Swimming Pool Reports

The council reviewed financial reports on the swimming pool. Attendance was up, the concession stand made a good profit, and as a whole the pool lost \$13,974.61 – down from the previous year. There was some discussion on the wage and duties of the manager, and the council would like this topic cleared up next spring. Karen added that the returning guards asked about pay raises. Karen informed the council of the swimming lesson numbers for the year, the night swim happenings, and the pool now has its own facebook page on which they posted closings, updates, and other information on. She said that she kept the pool open until 7:00 pm every day, which the council liked and felt important. Karen mentioned that she changed a couple guard rules. She added that Rich put up boards over the windows to keep the winter dust out and he is willing to paint the rule board and the office.

October 5, 2015
Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council that he called two property owners about their dilapidated garages. The council discussed a timeline in which to give them to tear down these garages, April 1st was the decided deadline. Larry Hiserote's deadline was September 30th and his progress has not been what was expected. The attorney will draw up a complaint and the judge will be contacted for a first appearance date. The council discussed Joe Smith's property; right now it looks fine but as soon as he fails to comply, a complaint and first appearance date will be set for him as well.

Rominger Property

Eldon informed the council the survey on the Rominger property was just completed. Katie said as soon as she gets the correct legal description she will finish the paperwork. Eldon said that he visited with Ziegler and dump fees will be around \$1,500 to \$2,000. The council asked him to check into demolition costs.

Utility Rates

After a lengthy discussion on connect and disconnect fees, utility rates and monthly minimum rates per month. The council felt it best to leave the monthly customer charges the same, but increase rates per kilowatt and gallon as customers have control of their usage. Tracy made a motion to increase electric and water usage rates by 5% per kilowatt and gallon, and increase connect fees to \$50.00 per meter. Leaving monthly customer rates the same, as well as trash and sewer the same at this time. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Daycare

The council discussed having a new contract next month to present to the daycare board. Tracy made a motion to have a proposed draft made for the daycare. A 12-month period lease with the tenant paying \$200.00 per month rent as well as all the utilities, repairs and other items similar to past agreements. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes

Building Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following building permits: #15-27 move in a playhouse for Eldon Behymer at 117 N. Mill, #15-29 move in a utility shed for Jim Penwell at 500 E. Kansas, and #15-30 move a carport for Bob Kastrup at 213 N. Hobart. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve ATV Permit #2015#21 for Lynn and Lisa Root. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

The bids for a new fire station furnace were opened. Remus Plumbing \$1,982.15, and Willow Springs \$2,914.00, it was noted that the unit from Willow Springs is a larger BTU unit. After some discussion, Barry made a motion to accept the bid from Remus Plumbing. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon said all but a couple items have been picked up from the Purple Wave sales. The council reviewed the list of items and the amounts sold for. Eldon added that they will be tearing up the sidewalks in the square and re-wiring the park. He said that they will be putting up new benches in the park as well.

Council Report

Tracy said they had eleven teams in the chili cook-off, the day was wonderful and she thanked the guys for all their help.

October 5, 2015

The council discussed the baseball field. Tracy and Lindsey will attend the school board meeting on Monday night and offer the board \$3,000.00 for the football field and baseball field leaving the school board with 20 feet east of the school. The council discussed waiting to have the survey done after all is settled with the auction of the property.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

October 13, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m., October 13th, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie presiding and council members Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Barry McPeak, Tracy Anderes and Ken Kusler present. Also in attendance: Eldon Behymer and Mary Jo Gruwell.

Mayor Duskie asked someone who attended the Waconda U.S.D. #272 Board meeting to give a recap of the Monday night meeting. Lindsey said she discussed the ball field proposal and the need for parking for the field. The school board brought up that they sold the Tipton Elementary School to the City of Tipton for \$20,000. They also mentioned the Tipton building was much newer than the Glen Elder school building. Lindsey said the school board then threw out the figures of \$15,000 to \$20,000 possibly being accepted from the City of Glen Elder for all of it, the school building, baseball field and football field. The school board plans to meet again at 7:30 a.m. Monday morning and would like a decision from the city by then.

Mayor Duskie stated and it was the general consensus of the council that the city should try to purchase the school and grounds utilizing capital improvement funds.

Following a discussion of the council, Barry made the motion to purchase the school building and grounds for an offer starting at \$15,000 and going no more than \$20,000. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. It was decided that Tracy would attend the school board meeting to present the council's offer.

With no other business Tracy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17p.m.

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Mary Jo Gruwell, Assistant City Clerk

November 2, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Chad Hallack – KDNS, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 5th & 13th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Ken made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounting to \$52,771.40, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kansas One-Call, Farmway Coop and Boettcher Supply bills, were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council that he mailed letters to both property owners about their dilapidated garages. He said the back porch is off at Larry Hiserote's and his yard is fine until spring. The attorney asked the clerk to contact the Judge and Mr. Hiserote informing them there is no need for the November 10th court date. The council discussed Joe Smith's property; right now it looks fine but they intend to stay on top of the matter.

School Property

Katie suggested a property survey to be done with costs split, prior to approval of the real estate agreement for the school property. The council is concerned and wants the building to remain heated to maintain the integrity of the gym floor and plumbing. Lindsey made a motion to request a survey of the school property done, splitting the cost with the school district, to be included in the contract with the school district. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Rominger Property

Katie said the deed and partial release of mortgage has been prepared, and all that remains is getting signatures. The clerk will contact Dennis Rominger.

Utility Rate Ordinances

Tracy made a motion to approve the following Ordinances: #693 setting new water rates, #694 setting new electric rates and #695 new reconnect fee, all as discussed last month. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Daycare

Mayor Duskie said that he received a phone call from a daycare board member asking if the council would be receptive to an agreement with an individual that would like to lease-purchase the daycare. There was some discussion on the topic and it was the consensus of the council that they want a daycare to stay in the building for several years. The attorney said she will need to visit with the individual and plans would need to be made quickly as the end of the year is fast approaching.

Annual Fireman's Meal

Sheila made a motion to approve spending \$12 to \$14 per fireman for the annual fireman's meal. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Tracy abstained.

November 2, 2015

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the mayor and council present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 7:35 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Employee Christmas Bonus

Lindsey made a motion to give the following Christmas bonuses: full-time employees \$400.00, the office assistant \$200.00 and the treasurer \$55.00; less withholdings. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve the building permit for a sidewalk behind the H20 Church, at 120 Market Street. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Ken abstained.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that they tested rear-discharge Grasshopper mowers and they really liked them. He said he can get a 48" deck model for \$6,206.00 and a 52" deck model for \$6,347.00. He mentioned that these prices will remain the same until after the first of the year. He did say that he will check with All-Seasons and see what kind of deals he can get with them. He added that they will be getting rid of the Country Clipper mower and a tractor mower.

Eldon asked the council for approval to purchase a locator. He presented the council with a brochure on a Stick V-3 unit, he can purchase for under \$1,000.00. He said the purchase would come out of his equipment reserve fund. Ken made a motion to approve the purchase of the Stick V-3 locator. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Council Report

Lindsey asked for approval of Cody Richards as a new fireman. The council appointed Cody as a new fireman. The council briefly discussed the fact that our fire department is low on the number of firemen.

Katie informed the council that since our council elections are already on odd years the new election changes will not be as rough of a transition. At this point elections will be held in November 2017 and our new council members will begin their terms in January 2018.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy 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

December 7, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 7, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Toni Schlaefli, Kristie Martin, Kayla Hammel, Aaron Eberle, Andy Weidenhaft, Dawn Porter, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 2nd & 10th, 2015 meetings 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 November amounting to \$38,379.75, 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 five ayes.

Third Dog Requests

Andy Weidenhaft asked for permission to have a third dog. Tracy made a motion to approve a third dog for Andy Weidenhaft and for Alica Martin, she added if there are any problems with the dogs the council will then revisit the request. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner said he has a letter to be sent to Thomas Depew for cleanup of his property.

Daycare Contract

Toni Schlaefli addressed the council and said she wants to purchase the daycare building and lot from the City. She wants to change the license to allow for more kids, change the hours to accommodate more parents, develop a curriculum of more structured playing and learning, add an after school/homework assistance program for school kids, add more summer activities for all ages, use the library, swimming pool and visit the senior center. Toni said the appraised value of the building is around \$22,000.00. She then went over a list of improvements that need to be made to the building, including a new furnace, water heater, new padded carpet, among other improvements. She presented the council with four purchase options. Katie will draft a contract for sale and the council discussed the need for a special meeting later in December to get final approval on the contract.

Executive Session

At 7:35 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property with the council, mayor and attorney present for no more than ten minutes. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:45 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Old Station Property

Eldon said that they have the old station about 85% cleaned out. He visited with Pat Ziegler about tearing down the building and he can do the job in one day, cheaper than the city crew can tear it down. Eldon said he quoted \$5,000.00 which would include some of the dump fees. Eldon said that Ziegler could tear the building down after the first of the year. The council discussed the landfill fees and they are estimated to be around \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the entire job. Lindsey made a motion to approve hiring Ziegler for \$5,000.00 with dump fees. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

December 7, 2015

At 8:20 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the council, mayor and attorney present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:35 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Wage Review

Sheila made a motion to approve the following wage increases: Eldon .55¢ to \$17.00 per hour, Devon .25¢ to \$14.00 per hour, Daniel .05¢ to \$14.00 per hour, Jerri .30¢ to \$15.50 per hour, Mary Jo \$1.00 to \$9.00 per hour, Fire Chief to \$100.00 per year, Assistant Fire Chief to \$75.00 per year, and Fire Secretary to \$80.00 per year. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Tracy and Lindsey abstained from the vote. The council noted that summer and pool wages would be discussed in the spring.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council if they want to repair the water tower in 2016 Stuart Porter at Schwab Eaton suggested we get bids out to the contractors in February and plan to do the work in September before it gets too cool. Ken made a motion to have Stuart move forward on the water tower repair project. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon asked if he could spend about \$2,000.00 and replace the eight lanterns around the square with lighter decorations that would be cheaper to repair and replace. The council gave their blessing.

Eldon asked if he could hire a high school kid to help clean out the upstairs of the City Hall building. The council granted him permission.

Clerk Report

The Clerk informed the council about the complaint received on Mike Frost's greyhound, how it was picked up and put in our holding pen. When the owner didn't come to pick up the dog it was taken to Solomon Valley Vet. This is the second greyhound picked up in a year belonging to the Frosts. It was noted that he has not built the pen for the greyhounds that he said he would when he requested to have the extra dogs. The council decided to revoke Mike Frost's allowance to have more than two dogs. A letter will be sent to him concerning this matter and he will have to remove the extra dogs by February 1st.

The Clerk informed the council that the 3rd quarter bushel check was received from Farmway Coop for \$14,378.82. She mentioned transferring \$20,000.00 from the Light Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses. The council told the clerk to close City Hall at noon on Christmas Eve.

Council Report

Tracy thanked the guys for all the work they did on the Christmas Lights around town, and mentioned the lighting was well attended and went well. Tracy informed the council of the annual fireman's meal and the election of new officers. Garry Clark is the new fire chief, and Cody Thompson is the new assistant chief.

Barry mentioned that he visited with Cody Richards, elevator manager, about the extremely noisy train they loaded during the night hours last week.

Lindsey asked the clerk to check into other employee health insurance options to bring the premiums down.

Sheila commented on how nice the square looks.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk