



# Glen Elder, Kansas

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### January 6, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., January 6, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Jason Cherek, Brandon Tritsch, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

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

The claims on hand for the month of December amounted to \$52,416.25, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, WorldPay, and Kansas Gas Service bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Tritsch Request

Brandon Tritsch informed the council he is having some work done on his garage and asked for permission to allow a small excavator to drive on the sidewalk into his yard to do the repairs. The council approved this.

#### Resident Concerns

Linn Bickel called in to voice his concerns to the city council about the approval of a new RV park to be built south of his residence.

#### Dog Limit Request

Jason Cherek just purchased the house at 409 Center Street and asked the council for permission to keep his seven hunting dogs in town. Jason said he is a hunting guide and uses the dogs for his work. He said he plans to purchase the old boat shop north of his house and keep four of the dogs there and keep the other three at his residence. He informed the council two of the dogs are older, ages 9 and 10. Jason informed the council he will get a building permit and the dogs will be housed in a nice kennel with a privacy fence around it. The council asked Jason, as the older dogs pass, to get down to the ordinance limit of four hunting dogs. Landen made a motion to give Jason Cherek a variance to allow him to have seven hunting dogs at this time, but to get to a maximum of four hunting dogs in the future. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Code Enforcement

No decisions were made to fill the code enforcement officer position, at this time. The council asked the clerk to get a report from the city attorney on the progress of the properties needing cleaned-up on Vine and Allen Streets.

#### Ordinances & Resolution

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinance #765 establishing employee wages for 2025. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Lori made a motion to approve Resolution #25-1 waiving the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for 2025. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Dream Big 2.0 Grant

The council selected Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> as the date to host the strategic town-wide meeting for the \$10,000.00 Dream Big 2.0 Grant money. The meeting will be held at the library meeting room and will begin at 6:30 pm. The council briefly discussed giving incentives for those attending the meeting. The council is excited about this grant opportunity and hopes residents will help come up with a new project to use the money on.

#### First Impressions Program

The council reviewed the results from last year's First Impressions Program. They mentioned they would like to see new signage put up in town. Directional signs to locate: the ball field, the city park, the pool, the library, the public restrooms, city hall, the car wash, and the business district. The clerk mentioned the new Department of Commerce Grant that could be utilized to purchase new signage. The council asked to have a grant application submitted.

#### Capital Improvement Plan

The council discussed the capital improvement plan list. Devon said they will start replacing broken curb and gutter this year. The council asked about the fire hydrants. Five need to be replaced, two are in the waterline replacement project. Devon mentioned they really need a newer basket truck. The stand-by 3-phase generator on the list was ordered last year, and they are still waiting on its arrival.

#### Annual Appointments

Mayor Paxson made the following annual appointments:

Council President	Landen Cleveland
Municipal Judge:	Jim Johnson
City Attorney:	Scott D. Wright
City Official Paper:	Cawker City Ledger
Financial Institution:	Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co.
City Clerk:	Jerri Senger
City Superintendent:	Devon Housh
City Park/Cemetery:	Joe Wildfong
City Water/Sewer:	John Mosher
City Treasurer:	Linda Mick
Code Enforcement	
Fire Chief:	Garry Clark
Assistant Fire Chief:	Cody Thompson
Insurance Agency:	Mahin Insurance Inc.

#### COMMITTEE

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Light/Electric	Ch: Landen Cleveland, Lori Augustine, Jerri Senger, Devon Housh
Water/Sewer	Ch: Lindsey Clark, Kevin Noller, John Mosher
Street/Alley/Sidewalk	Ch: Kevin Noller, Angie Behymer, Devon Housh
Park/Cemetery/Swimming Pool	Ch: Angie Behymer, Landen Cleveland, Pool Manager, Joe Wildfong
Building Permit	Ch: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Devon Housh

Budget Committee:

Ch: Mayor, all Council Members, City Clerk, City Superintendent

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.

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

#### Building Permit

Kevin made a motion to approve building permit #21-1 a new 24x12 shed for Larry Wheeler at 209 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon said snow and ice removal has been a big job, but is going well.

Devon informed the council he received a bid from Schoen Signs & Graphics to replace the wooden rules sign at the pool with a permanent aluminum one, for just under \$500.00. The council approved the sign replacement.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the December utility connect list.

The clerk mentioned the mayor's seat, Angie Behymer and Lori Augustine's council seats are up for election this year. The filing deadline is generally the first of June.

The clerk said North Central Regional Planning Commission will be submitting the electric meter grant application on behalf of the city, this week.

#### Council Report

The council thanked the city crew for the good job they are doing on the snow removal and for the beautiful Christmas lights.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

## February 3, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., February 3, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Russell Ingle, Brandon Tritsch, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the January 6, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Landen arrived.

The claims on hand for the month of January amounted to \$61,716.52, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Code Enforcement

Attorney Scott Wright presented four resolutions for dangerous and unfit structures at 200 N. Vine, 208 N. Vine, 408 E. Allen, and 412 E. Allen Streets. He said once the resolutions are approved by the council, they will need to be published two consecutive weeks in the paper, and certified letters will need to be sent to the property owners. He also mentioned the city may need to post a copy on the door of each house. Scott informed the council he set the hearing, on these structures, for the April 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting at 7:00 pm. Landen made a motion to approve the four resolutions, #2025-2 through #2025-5. Lindsey second the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

No decisions were made to fill the code enforcement officer position, at this time.

### Dream Big 2.0 Grant

The strategic town-wide meeting for the \$10,000.00 Dream Big 2.0 Grant money will be held on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Library Community Room, at 6:30pm. The council discussed door prizes, gift certificates to be used at in-town businesses, and refreshments for the meeting. The council is excited about this grant opportunity and hopes residents will help come up with a new project to use the money on.

### Kansas Dept. of Commerce Grant

The clerk mentioned the Kansas Department of Commerce Grant application is due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. The city will be applying for grant funds to purchase new wayfinding signs to be put up around town.

### Water Emergency Plan

The council briefly discussed the updated water emergency plan for the city. Angie made a motion to approve the plan as written. Lindsey seconded the motion. The vote carried with five ayes.

### Mural Update

The clerk contacted Emily Benedick and there is no update on the new mural. Emily will be contacting the artists. It was mentioned that Emily is concerned about the mural on the side of the Daycare, now that it is closed and the building has sold.

### Employee Report

Devon said they are putting in a new fuel system on the old red fire truck and the car wash has been busy.

### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the January utility connect list. The clerk mentioned she disconnected a delinquent utility customer, not on the list.

The employee's Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance had a slight decrease in the premiums. Angie made a motion to approve the grandfathered Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance plan for 2025. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

There was a brief discussion on the calls from a resident concerned about the potential of noise at a new RV park next to his residence.

### Council Report

Kevin mentioned the Lions Club has applied for the Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant through the city's account. The funds will help with the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run, to be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Angie reported the swimming pool has five lifeguards for this summer and the pool manager is finding a new location to have guards certified, as Beloit is no longer an option.

Angie expressed concern about a property in the northeast corner of town that is looking really bad.

Scott Wright mentioned the movie Sod & Stubble has been purchased. He said the movie cast will be in Wichita on March 28<sup>th</sup> and in Downs on March 29<sup>th</sup> for the public to meet.

The mayor stated she will not be running for the mayor's position. Angie Behymer and Lori Augustine both said they will be running for council positions.

### Third Dog Request

Russell Ingle asked the council for permission to have three dogs at his residence. He said he is keeping his son's dog. The dog is older and has health issues. The council granted him permission for the three dogs.

With no other business, Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen 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

**March 3, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 3, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Sid Goddard, Garry Clark, Kaetlin Hyman, Cody Thompson, Brandon Tritsch, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounted to \$39,504.43, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, Kansas Gas Service, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Fire Department Grant

Fire Chief, Garry Clark, informed the council the Glen Elder Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a \$4,500.00 Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant. The grant money along with a private donation will be used to purchase an extractor, also known as a super heavy-duty washing machine used to clean bunker gear. Landen made a motion to accept the grant money, having the city pay for the extractor through the equipment reserve fund. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Lindsey Clark abstained.

#### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman, informed the council she has five lifeguards for the summer. She said she is having problems finding a location for the guards to get certified and mentioned Beloit will only certify guards who work in Beloit. She stated Hays is the closest location she can find certification training. She said lifeguard certification classes are three days long and cost \$225.00. She added certifications are good for two years. She proposed another idea to the council. Instead of making the teens and their parents drive to Hays for three days, if the city would pay for Kaetlin's LGI certification, she would train our lifeguards. She stated the LGI certification costs \$275.00 and she would need to get the lifeguard certification first. She stated LGI certification is good for five years.

Kaetlin mentioned she would like to keep the money for training guards, but would give the city a discount. She also said she would train the Glen Elder guards first but be willing to train guards for other cities, as five guards are needed for a class. After a brief discussion, Landen made a motion to pay for Kaetlin's lifeguard and LGI certification classes, with the city getting a \$500.00 discount for her training our guards at \$225.00 per guard. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Code Enforcement

The clerk announced the certified letters for the Vine and Allen Street properties were sent and delivered, just waiting on two receipts. Attorney Scott Wright asked if the city had posted copies on the door of each house. The city crew will get this done. The hearing on these structures will be at the April 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting at 7:00 pm.

At 7:20 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council members, and attorney present. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:30 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

The mayor announced the council will keep taking applications for the code enforcement position.

#### Dream Big 2.0 Grant

The strategic town-wide meeting for the \$10,000.00 Dream Big 2.0 Grant money will be held on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Library Community Room, at 6:30pm. The clerk showed the gift certificates to be

given away that evening, mentioned cookies have been ordered and Cunningham Fiber will donate bottled water for the meeting.

#### Kansas Dept. of Commerce Grant

The clerk stated the Commerce TOWNS Grant application was submitted before the deadline. However, it was determined the City was not eligible because of a SEED grant that was awarded within the community. The grant application was to purchase: new wayfinding signs, two new park benches for the city square, and to make improvements to the Market Street Park by removing the old tires and replacing them with a new Spinner for the kids. New safety rubber mulch for the playground area and a new durable picnic table for the park. The clerk will try for other grants to fund these projects.

#### Mural Update

The clerk contacted Emily Benedick. Emily is currently sending out requests for artists and concepts for the new mural.

#### KMEA Board of Directors

Jerri's KMEA Board of Director #1 position is due to expire in April. Landen made a motion to renew Jerri's director position. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon mentioned David Dohe has storm siren grant applications open now. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus that Glen Elder has sufficient storm sirens at this time.

Devon said he contacted B&H Paving to oil and sand the east half of town, east of Market Street, and the bid came in at \$75,000.00. The bid includes the oil. He stated the city purchased the sand last year. If approved, Devon said B&H plans to be here in late summer. Landen made a motion to hire B&H Paving to oil and sand the east half of town for \$75,000. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Devon informed the council they plan to start rebuilding the curb and gutters along Kansas Street, as soon as the weather warms up. He hopes to have the new curbs done before the oil crew arrives.

Devon stated he has two new summer applicants he would like to hire, along with Jenna returning from last summer. The council granted him permission to hire all three.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the February utility connect list.

The clerk informed the council the city was again denied the Kansas Water Office grant for the waterline project. She mentioned receiving a letter from the Kansas State Revolving Fund requesting applications for their low-interest loans. The council asked to have Stuart Porter invited to the next meeting.

#### Council Report

Landen stated he feels it is important to have an automated external defibrillator available 24/7 to the public. The council briefly discussed possible locations around the square. Everyone felt the post office would be the best location.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

**March 24, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Monday night at 6:30 p.m., March 24, 2025, at the Glen Elder Library Community Room with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also, in attendance Julia Rabe, Betty Johnson, Emily Benedick, City Clerk Jerri Senger, Devon Housh, thirty-nine Glen Elder residents and three children.

**Town-wide strategic doing meeting for the Dream Big 2.0 Community Impact Grant**

After Mayor Paxson opened the meeting, Julia Rabe, Solomon Valley Community Foundation Executive Director, and Betty Johnson, Dane G. Foundation, conducted the public meeting.

Community members came up with project ideas. Committees were formed to work on the different project ideas.

Door prizes were given to fourteen lucky attendees. Bottled water was donated by Cunningham Fiber and cookies were enjoyed.

No decisions were made at this meeting.

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

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

**April 7, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., April 7, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Seth Krueger, Brandt Bolte, Thomas Depew, Stuart Porter, Jesse Janssen, Kaetlin Hyman, Scott Jordan, Brandon & Carrie Tritsch, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 3 and 24, 2025, meetings were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$78,972.18, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, EMC Insurance, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Waconda School District EV Bus

Jesse Janssen, Waconda School District #272 Superintendent, asked the council to consider waiving the monthly demand fees on the school's EV bus charging station. Jesse mentioned they do not have to pay demand fees for the charging stations in the other three communities within the district. The council asked the clerk to come up with some figures for next month's meeting.

#### Waterline Project

Stuart Porter, Engineer with Schwab Eaton, visited with the council about the replacement of the cast iron line and lead goosenecks in the waterline under Main Street from the blending building up to the water tower. He mentioned the city has been unsuccessful in getting grant money for this project thus far. Most recently rejected again for the Kansas Water Office funds. He said Glen Elder ranked two-thirds of the way down the list of applications. Stuart suggested applying again for the KDHE Intended Use Plan funds, due on May 15<sup>th</sup> this year. He hopes the city's project will rise up the list of applicants. Stuart couldn't give the council a definite reason why the city's project keeps getting rejected. Stuart did mention the lead goosenecks will fail and mentioned the total project amount is \$560,000.00. He also suggested applying for the KDHE water loan. He recommended the city hire NCRPC to assist with applications. Lindsey made a motion to start the process needed to get funding for the replacement of the cast iron line and lead goosenecks in the waterline under Main Street. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### EMC Insurance Policy

Brandt Bolte, agent with Mahin Insurance, informed the council the premium increase for the EMC liability insurance is due to the high loss ratio across the board. The previously discussed \$1,000,000 umbrella liability coverage and cyber security coverage will increase the premium by \$3,997 this year. The council asked Brandt a few questions about the cyber coverage. Brandt will check into how the company handles ransom pay. Angie made a motion to pay the \$43,030 premium for the EMC Insurance, which includes the umbrella and cyber coverage. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman, informed the council she passed her Life Guard Instructor training and she will be certifying 13 lifeguards on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. She said some of the guards are for Glasco and Mankato, as well as for Glen Elder. She said she has placed her first Cash-Wa order and it will be delivered on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She stated Mitchell County EMS gave the pool a body board. Kaetlin said she will do private lessons again this summer, but will not be giving group Red Cross lessons until next year - 2026.

Kaetlin informed the council she and Julia Rabe are writing a \$4,000 grant for a publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED), an outdoor cabinet, and extra batteries. She said it will be placed on the west wall of the swimming pool building and will be accessible year-around. She said with the timing of the grant rounds, the AED will not be purchased and put up until 2026. Seth Krueger mentioned how important having an accessible AED is and said he would like to help Kaetlin get a machine for the pool this summer. He donated \$100 towards the future AED.

Kaetlin mentioned she plans to write a grant next year for a new diving board and more seating at the baby pool.

#### Code Enforcement

Attorney Scott Wright opened the hearing on the structures at 200 N. Vine, 208 N. Vine, 408 E. Allen, and 412 E. Allen Streets. With the absence of the property owner or a representative, a discussion ensued concerning the property at 200 N. Vine Street. Angie made a motion to allow the property owner, or representative, 60 more days. The motion died for lack of second. The attorney reiterated this is a four-step process. Every property owner was notified of this hearing and every owner was asked to be present.

The attorney asked if each structure was unsafe and unfit to live in. The council reviewed the pictures, taken by the code enforcement officer, of each property. Landen made a motion that the property at 200 N. Vine Street was unsafe and unfit to live in. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen made a motion that the property at 208 N. Vine Street was unsafe and unfit to live in. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council tabled a decision on the Allen Street properties until the May meeting. The attorney said we will publish and mail final notices on the Vine Street properties.

The owner of 208 N. Vine was called and he visited with the mayor via phone. He asked for 30-days to come up with a plan for his property. Landen made a motion to allow the owner of 208 N. Vine until the May 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting to come up with a plan. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council reviewed two new job applications for the Code Enforcement position. The clerk was asked to setup interview times with the applicants, preferably next Monday or this Friday evening.

#### Third Dog Request

Lacy Porter was called on the phone and asked the council for permission to have three dogs at her residence. She said the dogs are senior in age and her goal is to get down to just two dogs when these have passed. Lori made a motion to grant Lacy permission for the three dogs. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council discussed increasing the dog tag fees for extra dogs over the allowed two per residence, with the exception of hunting business dogs. The clerk was asked to contact other towns and see what their dog tag fees are. Discussion tabled until May.

#### Dream Big 2.0 Grant

The council briefly discussed the great turn-out at the strategic town-wide meeting for the Dream Big 2.0 Grant held last month. It was noted the first group to have their plan put together, will get funded first. It was also mentioned Julia had said there is money for all the main projects discussed that night.

#### Mural Update

The clerk informed the council Emily Benedick is still sending out requests for artists and concepts for the new mural.

#### Personnel Rules & Regulations

Angie made a motion to adopt the Personnel Rules & Regulations with the approval of Resolution #25-6. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Building Permits

The clerk mentioned Seth Krueger will be installing more RV spots than what was on his original building permit application. The council asked Seth Krueger several questions about his RV park and the additional sites. Seth filled out and paid for a new building permit including all the RV spots he has planned.

Lori made a motion to approve the following building permits: #25-2 a new 30'x80' shed for Lucas Wiseman at 400 N. Nash St., #25-4 move in a 8'x40' storage container for Tim Porter at 345 N. Hobart St., #25-6 a chicken coup and new fence for Thomas Depew at 201 N. Nash St., #25-7 a concrete slab for the Mitchell County Dive Team at 517 N. Center St., #25-8 renewal of application #24-14 for Eldon Behymer's RV concrete pads at 512 N. Vine St., #25-9 a new 12'x12' utility shed for Seth Krueger at 100 N. Vine St., #25-10 a new deck on building for Seth Krueger at 500 W. Main St., and #25-11 adding more RV spots for Seth Krueger at 100 N. Vine Street. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Tritsch Letter

Carrie Tritsch updated the council on their concern about the upcoming congested, very busy summer season at Lakeside Auction and Consignment. She wanted to follow up from their last visit with the council. The council members all received a letter from the Tritsch's.

### Employee Report

Devon asked the council's permission to purchase steel forms to be used when forming the new curbs around town. He stated the steel forms will cost around \$1,500.00 from Senger Construction. Landen made a motion to purchase the steel forms from Senger Construction. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon informed the council the H structure, supplying electricity to the rural water plant will be completed tomorrow. He mentioned it has been a three-year long project.

### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the March utility connect report.

The clerk informed the council the "Taste Me Now" food truck had filled out the vendor application and will be in this week to pay the 6-month fee. She said they plan to set-up for lunch every Tuesday at the square.

The clerk asked for everyone to be thinking about projects to be put into the 2026 budget.

### Council Report

The council would like to see the agenda put on the website and on a city Facebook page. They mentioned a city Facebook page can be used for information only, no comments.

The council is concerned about the number of building permit applications received on the day of the council meetings. They would like a deadline of noon the Thursday before the meeting date. The clerk was asked to put the building permit ordinance and application on the agenda next month.

With no other business, Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie 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

**April 11, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in special session on Friday night at 6:00 p.m., April 11, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, and Angie Behymer present. Also, in attendance clerk Jerri Senger.

**Interview for the code enforcement position**

At 6:00 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session for twenty minutes for the consideration of non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, and the applicant present. Angie seconded the motion, and the motion carried with four ayes.

At 6:20 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Angie made a motion to hire Lucas Wiseman for the code enforcement position at \$350.00 per month, starting immediately. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Clerk Senger took Wiseman's oath of office and gave him his employment paperwork.

With no other business, Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

**May 5, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., May 5, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, and Kevin Noller present. Also in attendance: JoDee Noller, Garry Clark, Wes Thompson, Brent Cunningham, Denise Jackson, Cindy Monty, Kaetlin Hyman, Chelsa Anderson, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 7 and 11, 2025, meetings were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounted to \$56,851.69, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lori made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Fire Dept. Secretary

Brent Cunningham, Fire Department Secretary, informed the council the department has a small account they deposit all the pop machine sales, donations, and fundraising money into. They use the account for grant match money, purchasing pop for the machines and other items the department needs that can not be funded out of the regular fire budget. He mentioned he is the only signer on the account. Brent said he visited with Neil Phillips, the city's auditor. Neil is fine with the account and how it is being handled, but feels it would be best to be under the umbrella of the city's accounts. Landen made a motion to approve the transfer of the fire department account to be under the city's umbrella of accounts. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Code Enforcement

Lucas Wiseman, Code Enforcement Officer, said Glen Elder is doing well. He has just a few yards that are needing mowed.

Lucas informed the council Brandon Tritsch contacted him with concern about the forklift being operated at 6:00 am across the street on Saturday mornings. He said Brandon is also concerned about the grass between the sidewalk and the curb. The Tritsches are trying to keep the grass looking good and customers keep walking on the grass. Lucas asked if a small temporary fence could be put up to discourage walking on the grass, the council approved the idea as long as it doesn't hinder the city crew from getting to the meter. There was a brief discussion about the parking in front of Lakeside Auction & Consignments, products placed in the parking areas and what is city right-of-way. The clerk was asked to contact the Attorney for clarification.

#### Vine Street Properties

Wes Thompson informed the council he was present representing Cheryle Hale, granddaughter to the deceased owner of 200 N. Vine Street. Wes stated attorneys are trying to get the property title straightened up so Cheryle will be the owner and then she will be selling the property to him. He said that he has been mowing the property and trying to get it cleaned up. Wes mentioned he plans to tear down the house down once he owns the property, which he said will take several months. The council wants Cheryle to contact the council herself.

Josh Fierro called in at 7:50pm. He informed the council he is selling 208 N. Vine to a Staley family member and they should be up in the next few weeks to look at the house. The council told Josh to have the new owner come to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with a plan.

The council asked Lucas to get pictures of the two Allen Street properties for the June meeting.

### Waconda School District EV Bus

Chelse Anderson said the Waconda School Superintendent asked her to ask the council what they decided on the school's EV bus charging station. The council stated that by removing the demand fees to the EV bus, the residents would need to pick-up that cost. The council said they will continue to bill the demand charges on the school's EV bus.

### Dream Big 2.0 Grant

Members of the multi-sport court committee were present. Chelse Anderson spoke for the group. She said their project will be a very expensive one. They will need to apply for additional grants, as the \$10,000 Dream Big 2.0 Grant will not be large enough. She said they received two bids to tear out and replace the 125' x 75' concrete surface. Eberle's bid was for \$194,000 and Senger's bid was for \$105,000. Devon said the city crew could tear out the old concrete and save money. Chelsa said they would like to put in two junior high regulation basketball courts with a pickle-ball/tennis court in the center, changing the direction of the courts. They would also like to double the height of the west fence, remove the old sheds and in their place have a picnic table under a shade screen. It was mentioned there is a new memorial bench in the southwest corner of the court. The council loved their ideas and gave them their blessing to apply for additional grants in the city's name, if needed. The council thanked the committee for all the work they are putting into this project.

### Fireworks

Fire Chief Garry Clark and the council discussed the email from the State's Fire Marshall concerning the State of Kansas expanding fireworks sale dates. Garry said temporary stands can now sell from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> and permanent stands can sell fireworks year-round. He mentioned the Mitchell County Commissioners are talking about allowing sales from July 1 through July 5 this year. The council asked the clerk to contact the city attorney and ask him to draft an ordinance that will be flexible on dates to be determined each year by the council. There was some concern expressed about the large private fireworks displays shot off in town.

### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman, asked the council if she could hire Tyea Schlaefli as the Assistant Manager. She said this will be Tyea's fifth summer. Tyea is a wonderful employee, trains the other guards, and is great with the kids. She asked to pay her \$12.75 per hour.

Kaetlin suggested increasing pool admission rates this year and she informed the council what Beloit's new rates will be this summer. She also asked to have the time on the private pool parties extended to 9:30 pm. Landen made a motion to increase daily passes fifty-cents, increase season passes \$10.00, increase the family pass to \$125.00 and change the private pool party time to be 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### Dog Ordinance

The council would like to repeal the pit bull ordinance and keep the vicious dog ordinance. After some discussion, Lindsey made a motion to charge \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$10.00 for intact dogs, and \$50.00 for all dogs over two per residence – that have permission from the council (including hunting guide dogs). The new dog tag rates to be effective July 2025, after the new ordinance has been passed and published. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The council discussed folks having over the two-dog limit, which have not been approved by the council. The clerk was asked to contact the attorney.

### KCC Electric Grant

The clerk informed the council the city will be awarded the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant to purchase new radio-read electric meters. She stated once all the required forms are

completed and approved, the city will receive the grant money. The project total for this grant application was \$34,947.95. The clerk said she applied for the \$10,818.15 Build Kansas Funds non-federal match money on April 22, before the deadline. The city will receive \$23,560.42 in KCC grant money and will have a cash match of \$569.38.

Devon asked the council to increase the fees charged to customers for new services and work done by the city crew. The council asked to have this topic put on the June agenda.

#### Mural Update

Devon informed the council he visited with Emily about the mural and asked her to reach out to college art students. The clerk informed the council Emily Benedick is still sending out requests for artists and concepts for the new mural. The council would like the backside of the mural painted in a pool theme. The council looked at the historical pictures brought in by Jan Slate, for mural ideas.

#### Executive Session

At 8:20 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel; with the mayor and council members present. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

At 8:30 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

#### Seasonal Wages

Landen made a motion to make the following changes to seasonal wages: leave the office assistant, code officer, and pool manager the same. Increase summer mowing help to \$13.50 per hour, increase first year life guards to \$11.50 per hour, with .50 cents added each year they return, and the assistant pool manager to \$12.75 per hour. Effective immediately. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. An updated wage ordinance will be presented at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for official approval.

#### Building Permit Ordinance

The council asked to have a deadline set on when applications for building permits will be received for each meeting. The council wants the attorney to draft a change in the building permit ordinance, setting a deadline of Wednesday by 5:00 pm before each council meeting date. Any applications received after that day and time will wait until the next month's council meeting to be approved.

The council asked the clerk to email building permit applications with the council packets on the Thursday before each meeting.

#### Building Permits

Lori made a motion to approve the following building permits: #25-12 new wood privacy fence for Chris McKenna at 200 E. Main Street, #25-13 a new front deck, porch, back sidewalk for Cheyanne Clark at 209 S. Nash Street, #25-15 a new 4'x40' fence for Waconda RV Park & Storage at 333 N. Hobart Street, #25-16 a new house addition for Devon Housh at 105 N. Mill Street. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon stated the swimming pool is full of water. They were able to repair the pool's water pump, however the diving board is broke and the base is a safety hazard and all needs to be replaced. Landen made a motion to replace the diving board and base, if the bid comes in within reason. The clerk was instructed to email the bid to council members. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the April utility connect report.

The clerk informed the council she will be attending the State's budget workshop in Salina this Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The clerk told the council the last time the city ordinances were codified was in 2014. She said the code books are out-of-date and presented two bids to have ordinances re-codified and to have all the city ordinances put online. The lowest bid was City code Financial LLC, with an initial codification fee of \$3,500. The initial codification includes legal review, revising, updating, formatting for online, and providing 10 new paper codebooks/binders. City code has an annual fee of \$1,000 to keep the codes updated online and in paper form so they never get out-of-date again. The council wasn't sure this service was needed but said they would review the information.

The clerk asked the council to review the new Delinquent Utility Accounts list sent in to the Kansas State Set-off. She said one former resident was taken off the list, due to payment of account, and another was added.

### Council Report

The council wants a city Facebook page to be used for information only, no comments. The clerk was asked to get one setup.

The council is very frustrated about the city's gWorks software not being on the Cloud. The clerk stated the developers have not fixed all the glitches in the new software and that's why Glen Elder's software hasn't been moved to the Cloud. The council wants a refund for services paid for and not received.

The council briefly talked about why Verizon cell service is so bad in town. It was noted a building permit has not yet been received on Verizon's planned antenna updates.

With no other business, Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

**June 2, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 2, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark and Kevin Noller present. Also in attendance: Tayson & Alexa Romero, Kaetlin Hyman, Scott Smith, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 5, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounted to \$55,666.28, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, Kansas One-Call, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lori made a motion to approve the claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Third Dog Request

Tayson Romero informed the council he has a 10-year-old dog and a third dog that is neutered with all its shots. He said the young dog is to replace the older dog when it passes. He added once that happens, they will keep their dog number at two. Lindsey made a motion to approve the third dog for the Romeros. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Code Enforcement

Lucas Wiseman, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he visited with the new owner of 208 N. Vine Street. The property owner plans to fix up the house and have the work done by the end of the summer. He has mowed and cleaned up around the two-story house.

The council reviewed the pictures Lucas took of the two houses on Allen Street. Wiseman said both roofs were not in bad shape and didn't have any holes in them. He stated the trees growing on the roof were growing in the debris. It was noted the property taxes are paid and someone had been mowing, but not recently. Lucas will contact the property owner.

Tracy Smith was contacted about cleaning up his yard. It is a work in progress. The council asked Lucas to contact Larry Hiserote about his property.

Cheryle Hale, granddaughter to the deceased owner of 200 N. Vine Street called in at 7:15 pm. She informed the council she is working with an attorney in Osborne to get the property title straightened out. She said once that happens Wes Thompson will be purchasing the property. She told the council Wes has been mowing and taking care of the property. She also said Wes plans to tear down the house by the end of June, if the title work gets completed.

#### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman asked the council if her assistant manager could get a raise to \$13.00 per hour. She said with the other guard's raises she would like to see the assistant manager make \$1.00 more. The council declined this request.

The council asked Kaetlin to have the daily deposits done more accurately. Lindsey said she and Angie will work with the pool staff if needed. It was decided a written policy for the pool manager position was needed and Kaetlin said she would help write that.

Kaetlin informed the council the AED machine donated by Seth Krueger had arrived and would need to be kept inside during the winter months, when the pool is closed.

Kevin Noller announced the Lions Club will be sponsoring free swims every Saturday the rest of the summer season. He informed the council how the Downs pool charges organizations that sponsor free swims. The council felt it best and most fair to count heads and have the Lions Club pay for actual attendance on those days.

Kaetlin mentioned she has had a couple folks call in saying they won a family pool pass at the Christmas drawing. No one present knew about this.

#### Fire Department & Fireworks

Lindsey made a motion to approve Melissa Mahin as a fire fighter for the city. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Devon reported blow-outs during the last hose tests. He said they need to purchase new fire hoses that would cost around \$2,500.00. He said the purchase will come out of the equipment reserve fund. Kevin made a motion to approve the purchase of new fire hose. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

It was mentioned the lake fireworks will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Lindsey made a motion to allow fireworks to be discharged and sold this year July 1 through July 5. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Fireworks Sale Permit

Lindsey made a motion to approve the Fireworks Sales Permit for Creighton & Shauna Remus, at 345 N. Hobart, for July 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Grants

The clerk informed the council she and NCRPC are still working on the required documents for the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant, to purchase new radio-read electric meters.

The clerk stated the city was awarded the Kansas Department of Commerce's Office of Rural Prosperity TOWNS Grant, in partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. This \$9,893.00 grant will be used to purchase new wayfinding signs around town, make improvements to the Market Street Park, and replace two benches in the City Square Park.

#### Mural Update

Lori mentioned she visited with Maddi Sutter about painting Glen Elder's interactive mural. She said they discussed the idea of painting the Waconda Springs sanitarium with a sunset on the tall back panel, with landscaping and area wildlife on the lower panel. Lori and Maddi feel a Waconda Springs theme might bring park visitors into town to view the mural. Lori said getting Greg Holdren and Joyce Benedick to paint the mural would be ideal. Lori contacted Greg Holdren and he will be submitting a sketch. Greg will contact Emily about how much money is available for the artists.

#### Wage Ordinance #766

Lindsey made a motion to approve Ordinance #766 establishing employee wages, with the amendments discussed at the May meeting. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Dog Ordinance

The city attorney said he will take out the ordinance section prohibiting pit bulls in town, but will be keeping the vicious dog section. He will draft a new ordinance with the new dog fees discussed in May and have the ordinance ready to be approved at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Building Permit Ordinance

The attorney will draft an ordinance setting a deadline, of Wednesday by 5:00 pm before each council meeting date, to have building permit applications into City Hall. Any applications received after that day and time will wait until the next month's council meeting to be approved. Kevin made a motion for this deadline to become effective immediately. Lindsey seconded the

motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Scott will present the new ordinance at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Building Permits

There was a lengthy discussion on the building permits. On applications #21, 22, and 23 there were questions about property lines and possibly needing surveys done. These three applications were tabled until July. Lindsey will contact Jarosz and the clerk will contact Rye and Porter about their permits. Lori made a motion to approve the following building permits: #25-5 enlarge concrete pad for fuel trucks for S & K Fuels at 617 N. Center Street, #25-18 a new front landing, back patio, & playhouse for Chelsa Anderson at 405 E. Main Street, #25-19 a new car port for Dale Walls at 204 N. Nash Street – if they stay as far off the alley as possible, preferably 5 feet and no closer than the brown garden shed to the alley, #25-20 erect a shop and dog pens for Jason Cherek at 600 W. Waconda Street. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon asked for permission to purchase an old fire truck from Cawker City with a bad pump motor. He said they would like to make it into a dump truck this winter. Devon said the truck will cost \$2,500.00 and the purchase will come out of his equipment reserve fund. Lindsey made a motion to approve the purchase of the old fire truck from Cawker City. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Devon informed the council they had a water leak on the hill last Friday and will need to replace the fire hydrant at the corner of North College and West 1<sup>st</sup> Streets. Devon said he has the fire hydrant ordered.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the May utility connect report.

The clerk mentioned she would like to have ordinances re-codified and have all the updated city codes put online. The attorney felt it is not necessary.

The clerk stated the new FrontDesk gWorks online utility payment side of the software is up and running. She is trying to contact all the current ACH customers as that service has ended. FrontDesk charges a monthly service fee of \$1.30 for autopayments and customers need to sign up for autopayments themselves, if possible.

The clerk asked the council about a property owner refusing to pay the water connect fee, as the owner says the water has always been on. The service has been disconnected on the books since March 2024. The council instructed the clerk to charge the connect fee.

#### Council Report

Lori stated she has received positive feedback on the new city Facebook page.

The council thanked Devon and his crew for how well the cemetery looked Memorial weekend.

With no other business, Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

## July 7, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., July 7, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Carolyn Fobes, Brandon & Carrie Tritsch, Greg Holdren, Joyce Benedick, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounted to \$70,475.81, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, Kansas One-Call, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Code Enforcement

Lucas Wiseman, Code Enforcement Officer, reported Wes Thompson has started cleaning up the yard at 200 N. Vine. It was noted neither the attorney for Cheryle Hale or Cheryle herself, granddaughter to the deceased owner of 200 N. Vine Street, have been in contact with the city since the last meeting.

Lucas stated that he contacted Debbie Bacho about the properties on Allen Street and they have been mowed.

He visited with Larry Hiserote about his property and Larry is slowly starting to clean up his yard.

The city right-of-way in front of Mike Louthan's building was discussed at length. It was determined the city right-of-way is up to the inside (east) edge of the sidewalk plus the parking area in front of the building, in this case. It was also determined parking in this area is okay as long as it is temporary. Lucas asked if parking lines could be painted at an angle. He said this might solve some of the parking issues with vehicles sticking out too far into the street. It was noted that employees are damaging the curb along the sidewalk with the forklift, pieces are chipping off the edge. Lucas said he will visit with Louthan about the city crew painting parking lines.

The council and code officer discussed the golf carts and ATVs running stop signs and driven by unlicensed drivers. Carolyn Fobes said she sees golf carts, even bicycles, which do not stop at the stop sign near her house. She is concerned someone will get hurt at the intersection with all the trucks that go down Hobart Street. It was noted the city ordinance states no one without a driver's license can drive golf carts and ATVs within city limits. Lucas said he will start visiting with unlicensed drivers.

### 2024 Audit Report

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, went through the 2024 Audit Report in detail via a zoom meeting. Neil mentioned all funds are looking good. Neil did ask the council to pay close attention to the bills and financial documents they are presented at council meetings. He briefly mentioned visiting with the fire department about their pop account and informed the council this is an account the council is responsible for as well. Landen made a motion to approve the 2024 audit report. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council reviewed the proposal from Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips, PA to conduct the 2025 Audit for an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00, up \$400.00 from last year. Angie made a motion to approve the proposal for Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips to conduct the 2025 audit for no more than \$7,800.00. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Grants

The clerk informed the council all the required documents for the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant have been submitted.

The clerk stated the TOWNS Grant items can now be ordered and asked for approval of the new wayfinding signs. After some discussion the council felt it best to include the Dream Big 2.0 sign committee on the approval of the wayfinding signs to be put up. The clerk was instructed to wait until next month to order the signs.

Since the money for the Dream Big 2.0 has not been spoken for yet, the council would like to invite all the committees to the August 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The council would like to hear the progress the committees are making.

#### Mural Update

Artists Greg Holdren and Joyce Benedick were present. Greg asked the council what theme ideas they wanted painted on the interactive mural. Several ideas were mentioned. The council asked the clerk to contact Emily and have her send the public's ideas from last fall's chili cook-off to Greg and Joyce.

#### Updated Ordinance & Resolution

The city attorney presented the council with Resolution #25-10, updating the dates for discharge and sale of fireworks this past weekend. Carolyn Fobes informed the council on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks were discharged in the street, by the folks in the Airbnb across the street. She said their fireworks were hitting her house. After becoming concerned she walked out towards the folks and they discharged fireworks in her direction. Carolyn said she had to get out of the way of the fireball and sparks. The council instructed her to call law enforcement if that happens again. Carolyn mentioned they did not pick up the firework debris from the street afterwards.

The city attorney said he repealed the ordinance section prohibiting pit bulls in town, but kept the vicious dog section. He also updated the registration fees as requested by the council; \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$10.00 for intact male & female dogs, and \$50.00 per dog for all dogs over the two per residence limit that have permission from the governing body. These new fees also apply to hunting guide dogs. Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #767 repealing the old pit bull section and setting new registration fees for dogs. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Building Permit Ordinance

The attorney presented the ordinance updating the building permit application requirement setting a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next governing body's meeting. The council discussed their frustration with residents moving in structures or starting to build before they get an approved building permit. They discussed enforcing penalties when this occurs. Landen made a motion to table ordinance #768 relating to building permit applications, until the August meeting. Lindsey seconded that motion.

#### Verizon Tower Lease

Verizon has plans to update their antenna on the water tower. The council instructed the clerk to contact Verizon. The council first wants a building permit application, and wants to re-negotiate the lease contract.

#### 2026 Budget

The clerk went through a draft of the 2026 Budget. The proposed budget will not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 35.847. The council asked for some changes to be made to the budget. The official budget hearing will be at the August 4, 2025 meeting.

#### Region F Mitigation Plan

The council reviewed Resolution #25-9, allowing the City of Glen Elder to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region F Hazard Mitigation Plan. Angie explained why adopting this resolution

is important to get future FEMA funds. Angie made a motion to approve Resolution #25-9. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Building Permits

Lindsey said she visited with Jarosz about their permit application. Everything looks fine as they are on their own property. The other two property owners have updated their plans and produced written agreements with neighbors. Lindsey made a motion to approve the following building permit applications: #25-21 a new fence for Michelle Jarosz at 317 N. Hobart Street, #25-22 a new 18x30 metal building with concrete for Rye Roberts at 204 E. Main Street, #25-23 a new fence for Lacy Porter at 309 N. Vallette Street, and #25-24 a greenhouse for Russell Ingle at 220 W. Allen Street. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The council reviewed Jason Cherek's updated plans and are fine with his building changes.

#### Swimming Pool

The council read the Pool Manager's report. Devon told of an incident with the chemicals that happened last month. He said he visited with the manager and all the lifeguards and things have improved since.

#### Employee Report

Devon informed the council they are busy. They have started on the curb and gutter along the south side of Kansas Street. He mentioned they spent a lot of time on the ballfield this summer. He said the season is over, but the field will need some dirt and more work for next year.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the June utility connect report.

The clerk mentioned needing to get a new computer. The council asked her to get bids for the next meeting.

The clerk has received several complaints about stray cats in town. The council asked her to contact the Pet Connection in Beloit and see if they can help. The council instructed the clerk to ask residents not to feed stray cats.

#### Council Report

It was mentioned that Roy Winkel rebuilt and installed the crown on the Statue of Liberty in the square.

It was noted that the mayor's seat will be a write-in position on the ballot this fall.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger, City Clerk

## August 4, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 4, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Mike & Christie Louthan, Brandon & Carrie Tritsch, Kaetlin Hyman, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounted to \$71,492.36, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### 2026 Budget Hearing

Sheila opened the public hearing on the 2026 budget. With no comments on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Angie made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as written. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committee Report

Lindsey and Kevin represented the Dream Big 2.0 Grant sign committee. They asked the clerk to add "ATM & Vending Machines" to the wayfinding signs to be put up around town, funded by the TOWNS Grant. They also asked to see if blue or maroon signs, with white lettering, could be seen before ordering the wayfinding signs. The committee is working on some ideas for signs outside of city limits. They mentioned getting a large sign for the car wash.

### Mike Louthan – Right-of-way

Mike asked the council to be informed and invited to meetings when the council wants to discuss his business. He asked for clarification about the right-of-way discussion held last month. Mike said they are trying very hard to maintain clearance on the sidewalk. The attorney and council asked him to keep the sidewalks clear. Mike felt it would be a good idea to have the city paint angled parking lines in front of his business.

Kevin asked about folks around town that park vehicles across sidewalks in front of their garages. The Attorney said that is blocking a sidewalk and against the codes as well.

### Code Enforcement

Lucas Wiseman, Code Enforcement Officer, went over this code report from last month. He visited with the resident at 341 N. Nash, asking them to mow the back yard as well as the front. Lucas said he is not seeing as many kids driving golf cards lately. The council hopes this will stay true.

Attorney Scott Wright explained Code #5-213 Disturbing the Peace to Brandon Tritsch. Tritsch mentioned another delivery truck came in at 12:30 am.

Lucas said the grass is being mowed at both the Allen Street and Vine Street properties. The attorney said he will contact the Osborne attorney handling the 200 N. Vine Street deed.

### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman said the last day of the season will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. She said any leftover concessions will again be sold to the Church youth group. Kaetlin said she feels the assistant manager should get a higher wage than the other guards and asked the council to consider that for next summer. Kaetlin feels attendance has been much higher this

summer, stating the free swim Saturdays helped attendance. She thanked the Lions Club for their generous contribution. She will get the pool manager job description delivered to the council at the October meeting. Kaetlin announced she and Olivia will be giving full swimming lessons next summer.

#### Grants

The clerk informed the council a corrected document was submitted today for the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant.

The council selected colors for the park items to be ordered for the TOWNS grant.

Landen made a motion to apply for the KWO FY2026 Grant to replace the lead goosenecks in the water main under Main Street. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Mural Update

The council viewed the mural sketch from artist Greg Holdren. The council would like to have the five large grain bins removed, keeping the older elevators in the corner. It was asked if a colored sketch could be viewed. Landen made a motion to approve the mural sketch from Greg Holdren, removing the five large grain bins and adding "Glen Elder, Kansas 67446" to the top of the mural. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Verizon Tower Lease

The city attorney sent an email to the Verizon project contact last month, but has not received a response. The subject was tabled until next month.

#### Office Computers

The council reviewed new office computer proposals from Nex-Tech and LockIT. After some discussion, the council felt it best to invite both companies to a special council meeting and have each go over their proposals.

#### Building Permit Ordinance

The council reviewed ordinance #768 updating the building permit application requirement by setting a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the next governing body's meeting. The council discussed their frustration with residents moving in structures or starting to build before they get an approved building permit. The council wants to be stricter on building permits and discussed enforcing penalties when someone proceeds before receiving approved building permits. Lindsey made a motion to approve ordinance #768 setting a building permit application deadline. Landen seconded that motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Building Permits

Lindsey reported she looked at the building permit applications. Lindsey made a motion to approve: #25-25 a new 36x30 ft garage for Tayson Romero at 336 N. Hobart Street, and #25-27 replace and add concrete, and add a wood cover over concrete for Vicki Stuart at 101 N. Nash Street. The council and Andrew Clark discussed application #25-28. The council advised Adrew that he could not put the proposed sidewalks around the building and up to the property line. Those will need a future permit with a variance and permission from neighbors. The council did approve the new 40x40 ft pole building, but advised Adrew to keep his concrete approach ten feet off the alley. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon informed the council the street oiling crew will begin oiling and sanding the east half of town at 6:00 am Wednesday morning. He reported getting all, but a small section, of the curbs done along Kansas Street. He asked for approval to purchase four new skid steer tires at

\$269.00 each. Landen made a motion to approve purchasing four new skid steer tires. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Clerk's Report

The clerk said she will email the council the July connect report in the morning.

The clerk reported emailing the Pet Connection in Beloit, requesting help or advice with the stray cats in town and has yet to receive a response. She did contact a resident about feeding the stray cats.

The clerk mentioned having one resident that has not got his 2025 dog tags. The Judge will be contacted and a court date will be set.

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

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

## September 2, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 2, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Jason & Karm Cherek, Brandon & Carrie Tritsch, Code Officer Lucas Wiseman, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 4 & 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and the special meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounted to \$138,739.49, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committee Report

With no reports from the Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committees, the clerk was asked to email the groups and invite them to the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Code Enforcement

Lucas Wiseman, Code Enforcement Officer, went over this code report from last month. The city crew was too busy in August to get the parking lines painted in front of Mike Louthan's building, but will get it done in September. Lucas mentioned some of the complaints he had received from Brandon Tritsch about Louthan's business. The council stated they did not feel comfortable discussing Louthan's business without him present. Lucas will invite Mike to the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The council asked the clerk to invite the attorney to the next meeting with an update on the Vine Street Property.

New properties needing attention were discussed. Lucas will contact the property owners.

### Grants

The clerk had no new updates on the KCC 40101(d) Electric Grant.

The clerk mentioned the TOWNS grant park benches are near the flag in the square and the picnic table is in the Market Street Park under the tree. The new spinner will arrive this week and the city crew will be installing it and the tire mulch, in the Market Street Park. The council selected blue with white lettering for the new wayfinding signs. The clerk will get the signs ordered and the city crew will start on the frames.

The clerk stated North Central Regional Planning Commission will apply for the KWO FY2026 Grant on behalf of the city this month.

The clerk briefly mentioned receiving notice about the new SEEDS grant and has forwarded the information on to the library board, the senior center board, and the Legion.

### Mural Update

It appears the mural will be completed this week. The artists have been painting when the weather permits. The council mentioned the mural looks great.

### Generator for Water Wells

Devon reported the city having a three-year state inspection on the water system. He said the inspection went well, with no violations. He did say the inspector suggested the city get a

generator for the large wells. Devon said he is waiting on bids for a generator and will present them next month.

#### Curbs on West Main Street

Devon stated after visiting with a couple council members and getting permission, they plan to start installing curbs on West Main Street, between Mill and College, as soon as Schwab Eaton can get a survey done. Devon estimates the entire project to come in under \$10,000 and will be paid for out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

#### Building Permits

Lindsey said she looked at Cherek's permit application. It was reported Lori had approved the notice to proceed for Abram's permit application. Lindsey made a motion to approve: #25-30 a new 18x21 garage with concrete floor for Shane Abram at 209 E. Allen Street, and #25-31 erect a new fence and move in a shed with a deck for Jason Cherek at 600 Waconda Lane. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Employee Report

Devon stated they have been busy and with all the rain they could've used the summer crew another month. He mentioned they have been picking up the excess sand from the streets.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the August connect report.

The clerk asked the council to consider increasing the bad check fee. The council asked the clerk to research if the state has a limit for bad check fees.

The clerk mentioned she will be attending the regional clerks meeting in Hays on September 17 and a gWorks class in Lindsborg on September 30. The council asked about a refund for the software that is not being utilized. The clerk will check into this.

The clerk asked the council to review the building permit information on the draft of the fall newsletter.

#### Council

Landen asked about pool reports. The clerk said they will be ready for the October meeting.

Lindsey stated the Romero's would like to put their new garage closer than five feet from the property line. Lindsey said she will draft a variance to be signed by the neighbors.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

October 6, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., October 6, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Mike & Christie Louthan, Brandon & Carrie Tritsch, Eldon Behymer, Denise Jackson, Scott Smith, Chelsa Anderson, City Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the September 2, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of September amounted to \$47,630.19, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committee Report

Chelsa Anderson, representing the basketball/tennis court committee, informed the council she has been in contact with Mid-America Courtworks, a Wichita company that could do the entire court remodel project. She said the owner wants to come to look at our court and get a better understanding of our situation but estimates the project to cost \$150,000.00. Chelsa said she would like to apply for a Dane G. Hansen grant to help fund this project but needs input from the city for the application. Chelsa said Cunningham Fiber would donate \$2,000.00, Dream Big \$10,000.00 and hopefully some Hansen grant funds, she asked if a pledge campaign would be possible for the remainder. The clerk stated the court rehab project is on the capital improvement plan. Chelsa mentioned Mid-America Courtworks feels they can get the project done in June if all the grant money comes through.

Lindsey stated the sign committee isn't doing much since the city already had the wayfinding signs taken care of. It was noted that Devon ordered "Glen Elder" signs to be put up on Great Spirit Lane.

#### Housing Utilities

Denise Jackson, Glen Haven Housing Manager, stated they are a non-profit organization plus an entity of the city. She had questions about her utility bills. She is upset and feels the city is double charging her and her tenants when they move in the middle of a billing cycle. Eldon Behymer said the same thing happens to him and his tenants and feels it isn't fair. After some discussion, Lindsey made a motion to have an ordinance drafted next month to start pro-rating minimum fees, except for trash. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes, Angie abstained from the vote.

#### Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the September code report. Angie informed the council about the September 15<sup>th</sup> semi-truck situation.

There was a lengthy discussion about trucks unloading merchandise at Lakeside Auction & Consignments. Mike Louthan said he is telling companies when to deliver, not before 7:30 am, and is being careful when selecting delivery dates. Mike said it upsets him too when trucks arrive in the middle of the night. He said they are trying to do the right thing and they like having their business in Glen Elder. He and his wife Christie mentioned they have made the improvements suggested by the council. The council asked if pallets could be unloaded onto the north parking lot area, freeing up some parking spaces and keeping pallets off the front parking area. Mike said they will try that. Carrie Tritsch voiced her concern about the safety of children in the neighborhood when trucks are being unloaded. Brandon mentioned how hard it is to work after

being kept up all night by a truck setting in the street idling. Kevin Noller mentioned how he and his neighbors must listen to the trains when they are being loaded in the middle of the night and all night long.

The council and attorney briefly discussed the Vine Street properties. The council would like to move forward with condemning 200 N. Vine Street. A resolution will be drafted for next month. The council asked if the city would be eligible for the North Central Regional Planning Commission's new "Demo to Dirt" program, the clerk will check into this.

The council is concerned about the properties on the corners of Allen and Marshall Streets and Allen and Eberle Streets. Both properties need attention, and the code officer needs to visit with the owners.

#### Swimming Pool Reports

The council reviewed the financial reports for the swimming pool. Attendance was higher than it had been in years and concessions made a profit of \$639.87. The council asked for more details on the daily cash register report. The clerk will email that information.

The council reviewed the report and procedures from the Pool Manager. The council instructed the clerk to ask the manager who is doing each of the duties on her list and invite the manager to the November meeting.

#### Grants

Mural – The council approved the mural plaque, with the addition of Abram Ready-Mix as a sponsor, drafted by Emily Benedick. The clerk mentioned Glen Elder has \$1,832.11 left in the mural fund to paint the backside of the mural structure. She also said the final SVCF grant report will be submitted by December 8, 2025.

TOWNS – The clerk mentioned the quarterly report for TOWNS grant was submitted before the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. She reported projects #2 & #3 of the TOWNS grant are complete. The park benches are near the flag in the square. The picnic table, new red tire mulch and spinner are in the Market Street Park. The new wayfinding signs have arrived. The city crew is waiting for the metal to arrive so they can build the new sign frames with posts. They hope to have all the signs installed and the project completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

KCC – The clerk reported receiving an email from the Kansas Corporation Commission on September 9, 2025, stating that Glen Elder's application was approved by DOE to move forward on the 40101(d) Electric Grant. Then on October 1, 2025, an email was received from the same office stating they were not sure of a timeline on the grant due to the federal shutdown.

KWO – The clerk reported Katelyn Pahls from NCRPC submitted the Kansas Water Office Technical Assistance Grant on the city's behalf, on September 29, 2025.

SEEDS – The clerk briefly mentioned assisting the mayor to write a letter of support for the library's SEEDS grant application to purchase a new HVAC system and new computer.

#### Generator for Water Wells

Devon said he received a bid for a generator to be placed at the water wells from Boettcher Supply for \$19,985.00 but is waiting for another bid and will present them next month.

#### Curbs on West Main Street

Devon stated the engineers' survey is complete and they will start installing curbs on West Main Street, between Mill and College, tomorrow.

#### Utility Rates

The council will review the utility rates next month. Angie said she has been receiving calls about the "fuel adjustment" on the customer's utility bills. She asked the clerk to re-word the service code.

### Building Permits

Lori said she looked at Behymer's permit application. Lindsey made a motion to approve building permit #25-32, a new 12x21 car port for Eldon Behymer at 117 N. Mill Street. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes, Angie abstained from the vote.

### Employee Report

Devon asked the council to appoint Trevor Gardner to the fire department. Landen made a motion to approve Trevor Gardner as a fireman. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Devon and the council discussed the standing water in Chris McKenna's curb. Devon will visit with Chris about the matter.

### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the September connect report.

The clerk informed the council that state law limits the charge for a returned check to \$30 in Kansas.

Angie voiced her frustration about not being able to schedule payments on FrontDesk. There was a discussion on the software.

The clerk informed the council that the owners of Stortz Stop 'N Shop will be retiring at the end of the year.

### Council

Angie stated that Jan Steen was contacted by Mike Louthan and asked to remove the "nuisance violation" wording in the K-State First Impressions Report. After some discussion the clerk was asked to have the First Impressions Report removed from the Glen Elder Website.

Landen asked about the AED machine that was to be installed on the outside of the swimming pool bathhouse. He asked to get an AED machine put into the Post Office where it could be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The upcoming election was briefly discussed. Sheila said her name could be written down as mayor, she would accept the position again.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

**November 3, 2025**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Tanya Peters, Scott Smith, Chelsa Anderson, Kaetlin Hyman, Cody Thompson, Garry Clark, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

#### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the October 6, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of October amounted to \$71,796.37, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committee Report

Chelsa Anderson, representing the basketball/tennis court committee, asked the council who the Dream Big 2.0 Grant money will be awarded to. After some discussion and realizing the application deadline is December 31, 2025, Angie made a motion to award the \$10,000.00 Dream Big 2.0 Grant money to the multi-sport court renovation. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Chelsa informed the council the last Dane G. Hansen grant application deadline for this year is November 25<sup>th</sup> and she plans to make that deadline. She asked the council how much the city will donate toward the project, for the grant application. The council will donate tearing out the old concrete and fence, if needed, which should be around \$15,000.00 in-kind. Chelsa mentioned the completed project should cost around \$150,000.00, maybe a little more. After some discussion, the council mentioned donating \$50,000.00 from the capital improvement fund to the project. Chelsa said she is working with Emily Benedick on the grant application. She asked if the council would be okay with launching a 2-week donation campaign using GiveButter. She said her mother uses GiveButter for Breast Friends events. They have been good to work with and don't take any of the profits. The council was fine with that. Chelsa will be checking with CVA on a couple other match grants. Landen made a motion to donate a total of \$75,000 which includes the \$10,000 Dream Big money, \$15,000 in-kind, and \$50,000 from the capital improvement fund towards the multi-sport court renovation project. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Swimming Pool Reports

Pool Manager Kaetlin Hyman and the council briefly discussed her updated policy and procedures report. The council thanked her for the report.

#### Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the October code report. The council is concerned about Tracy Smith moving a pickup truck that doesn't run to the backyard, as it will still be a problem. The council wants Lucas to get tougher on the yard clean-ups. Landen will visit with Lucas.

Devon mentioned his concern about trailers parked in the streets as they plan to begin sweeping the streets to pick up fallen leaves.

The clerk informed the council the city does not qualify for the new "Demo to Dirt" program, as the program is for property owners. She mentioned contacting the owner of 200 N. Vine Street and the property owner was interested in the program. The council wants to see

documentation of a schedule for the house to be torn down or some results by the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### Utility Rates

The clerk and council discussed pro-rating monthly customer fees, excluding trash, and clarified that it will be calculated per day. This was voted on last month and will begin immediately.

The council discussed imposing a transfer fee when services are already connected and when residents transfer from one place to another. Angie made a motion to charge \$25.00 per customer transferring services when services are already on. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Angie mentioned that landlords will be exempt from the new transfer fee, when they have utilities automatically transferred back into their names.

The council asked the clerk to send last year's rate studies, and they will review the utility rates in December, to be effective January.

#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program

Angie informed the council of the new changes to the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program. Lindsey made a motion to approve Glen Elder into the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Rebate Program for 2026 – 2030. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Discover Mitchell County Meeting

The newly organized Discover Mitchell County consisting of: Economic Development, Young Professionals, Tourism, and Business Support, will host a meeting this Friday, November 7, 2025, in Glen Elder at the American Legion at 9:00 am.

#### Executive Session

At 8:05 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council members present. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

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

#### Christmas Bonus

Angie made a motion to give the full-time employees a bonus of \$700.00 less withholding and the office assistant/treasurer \$150.00 less withholdings, the same as 2024. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Solomon Valley Community Foundation

Landen made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Solomon Valley Community Foundation, same as last year. Lindsey seconded the motion, and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Building Permits

Lindsey made a motion to approve building permit #25-33 – a new house and a 30' x 40' garage with cement approach for Larry Thompson at 118 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

#### Employee Report

Fire Chief, Garry Clark, informed the council the department has applied for a \$30,000 grant through the Kansas State Fire Marshall's office to purchase 10 new sets of bunker gear. He mentioned the existing bunker gear is over twenty years old and is showing wear. He added the recommendation is to replace gear every ten years. Garry asked the council's permission to

purchase the remaining five sets out of the department's equipment reserve fund. The council was fine with that.

Devon said the new curb and gutter along West Main Street between Mill and College Streets is complete. Devon and the council briefly discussed putting in curb and gutter, with a sidewalk along the north side of the street, on West Main Street between College and Center Streets as a possible project for next year. No final decisions were made.

Devon said everything is winterized and they will begin picking up leaves from the streets. He also mentioned Senger Construction and the Glen Elder Lions Club have new Christmas displays to be added this year.

#### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the October connect report. The council asked to see a monthly list of delinquent accounts and add connections fees to the connect report.

The clerk announced Joe Senger has been a member of the City of Glen Elder Volunteer Department for 30 years, Brent and Terry Cunningham each for 25 years. They will be given certificates and pins at the annual fireman's meal later this month.

The pool manager asked about applying for the grant to purchase an AED machine with a cabinet. The council feels strongly about getting a public accessible AED machine at the Post Office. The council asked the clerk to write the grant, with assistance from the pool manager.

#### Council

The council had some questions about the FrontDesk software.

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

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk

## December 1, 2025

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 1, 2025, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Landen Cleveland, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Scott Smith, Eldon Behymer, Garry Clark, Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 3, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounted to \$54,746.80, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Beloit Ready-Mix, Kansas One-call, Kansas Gas Service, Cawker City Ledger, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Lori Augustine arrived.

### Public Comment

Scott Smith mentioned that he came to a council meeting four years ago about out-of-town residents that don't pick up their fallen leaves. He is still concerned about this issue. He feels folks should take pride in their properties and clean up the leaves. Scott suggested maybe youth groups could help folks with their yards as a fundraiser and will talk to Cody Fears about the idea. The council does not want to become an HOA and start regulating tree leaves. They agree with the idea of groups offering a service for residents and asked the clerk to put a note in future newsletters.

### Council Members

The Clerk took the official oath of office from mayor - Sheila Paxson, and council members – Lori Augustine and Angie Behymer.

### Public Hearing

Mayor Paxson opened the public hearing on the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Tax Rebate Program. With no public comments, the mayor closed the public hearing. Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #769 adopting a neighborhood revitalization plan and designating a neighborhood revitalization area, through January 13, 2031. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Dream Big 2.0 Grant Committee Report

The Clerk informed the council Chelsa Anderson has submitted the Dane G. Hansen grant application and has a T-Mobile grant application ready to be submitted as soon as she receives the support letters. \$21,960.00 has been raised with the help of the GiveButter campaign for the multi-court renovation project. The Mayor and Chelsa were interviewed by the KDNS radio station, that interview can be heard on the station's podcast. A fundraising New Year's Eve party is in the works by the radio station.

### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer, Lucas Wiseman, asked the council how many warnings he can give before a resident is fined. The council felt two verbal warnings and a red tag were enough to be fined. Lucas said he and the attorney will start court proceedings on Tracy Smith.

Lucas also asked about residents that will not come to the door or answer through the ring camera. The council instructed him to leave a red tag in those situations.

Lucas reported the only trailer in the street belongs to Andrew Clark. Andrew has been asked to move the trailer off the street but has not done it yet.

Lucas reported he was contacted by Ryan Staley about the property at 200 N. Vine. The paperwork is in process for him to be the new owner and he will be cleaning up the yard and tearing down the house in the spring when the weather permits. Lucas said Mr. Staley has followed through with all his plans so far, so he is confident this will be the same. The council read the letter from Ms. Hale concerning the ownership change of 200 N. Vine.

Attorney Wright stated he will have a couple municipal court cases this month.

#### Utility Rates

Angie and the council asked how long the power demand charges have been at their current rate. The clerk found an ordinance dating back to 1988. Angie said demand will drive future electric costs and mentioned eventually we will need to charge residents demand charges. The council reviewed the letter from Sunflower Electric Power Corp concerning the increase in the demand charges effective January 2026. These charges will be higher than what the city currently charges customers. The council asked the clerk to recalculate demand meters with the new charges and send the examples to the council. The council will review electric demand charges at the January meeting.

The council discussed the electric monthly customer charges, which were last increased in February 2023. They also discussed the per kilowatt rate and reviewed the electric rate study done in 2024.

Landen made a motion to increase the per kilowatt rate by 5% starting in January 2026. After a brief discussion, he amended his motion to include leaving the monthly electric customer charges the same and increase demand charges during the 4 summer months (June – September) to \$12.85 per kW and increase the demand charge for the rest of the year to \$8.14 per kW. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The council decided to leave water, sewer, and trash fees as is, for now.

#### Executive Sessions

At 8:09 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council, city attorney, and Devon present. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:19 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 8:20 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council, city attorney, and Jerri present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:30 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 8:31 pm Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council, and city attorney present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:41 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

At 8:42 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor, council, and city attorney present. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:47 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

### Wage Review

Landen made a motion to increase the following hourly wages for 2026: Devon to \$28.12, John to \$21.01, Joe to \$21.01, Jerri to \$24.30, and the part-time office assistant to \$11.78 with the rest of the wages staying the same. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Building Permits

Lori mentioned not seeing any problems with the building permits presented. Lori made a motion to approve building permit #25-34 - a new car port for Vicki Stuart at 101 N. Nash Street, and #25-35 - a new 16' x 27' concrete driveway for Rick Gruwell at 208 E. Allen Street. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### Employee Report

Devon said he and his crew have been busy working on the dump truck since they finished the Christmas lights.

### Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the November connect & delinquent reports.

Angie instructed the clerk to learn the new overtime rules in the Big Beautiful Bill. She said the new rules became effective January 1, 2025, and will change calculations of overtime on the W-2's going out next month. She also mentioned checking into the new comp time regulations.

### Council

Kevin stated he attended Discover Mitchell County's meeting last month and asked if the city should become a partner. The council tabled this until the January meeting.

Landen informed the council Darel Stuart contacted him and they sold their downtown building to Mahin Insurance Company.

Lori thanked the council for the beautiful plant she received for her father-in-law's funeral. She also mentioned the Christmas lights look good.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Jerri Senger  
City Clerk