

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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 7th 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 24th 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.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk