

March 4, 2019

**Glen Elder City Council Minute
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 4, 2019 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Brent & Tanna Cunningham, Joe & Cindy Smith, Jeff Shelton, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes. The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$44,900.62 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill was reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Council Resignation

Barry made a motion to accept the resignation from Ken Kusler as council member. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Joe Smith

Joe Smith informed the council that he tried to get his yard cleaned up but due to the weather he was unable to complete the task. The council asked him to give them a timeline in which he could get everything cleaned up. After some discussion, the council granted him an extension until April 1st to get his property cleaned up.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Officer, Jeff Shelton, said he had nothing new to report.

Ordinances

Barry made a motion to approve Ordinance #722 – amending and restating Chapter III, Beverages, of the Glen Elder City Code. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Grants Received

The City received a \$4,000.00 Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant for the park improvement project. The Library received the grant they applied for as did the Waconda baseball team for a new fence.

City Sign

The City received State approval to modify the “Welcome to Glen Elder” sign east of town. It has been approved as a new one-sided sign and the modification has to be completed within six-months. There was some discussion on making it a two-sided sign, which the council would prefer. The council will physically go out to the site and evaluate which type of sign would be best.

Back Office Remodel

The Clerk informed the council she ordered a new desk and storage cabinet for the back office. The sheetrock was put up today and with insulation the back office is much warmer.

ATV Permits

Larry approved ATV permit 2019: #10 – Eldon Behymer. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon asked the council to vacate the street in front of John Heinen's residence. The Attorney said the subject has been discussed since 2015. The council would like to get the issue resolved and the attorney will draft an ordinance.

Eldon said that with the council's approval, he will purchase 1,000 new LED Christmas lights to put up around the square. He mentioned the lights cost around \$3,000.00 and with the remainder of the grant funds he will purchase four new corner light pole decorations. The council approved the idea.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on two companies she is looking into that will allow the city to accept debit and credit card payments. Each company will charge the customer a fee, not the city. The council instructed her to pick whichever company she felt most comfortable with.

The council re-appointed Jerri Senger as a City representative KMEA board member.

The Clerk informed the council that water meters have been estimated for the last two billing periods due to the weather and it's looking like they may need to be estimated this month as well. She said she is in favor of purchasing electronic read water meters. Eldon said he will set up a work session with the salesman and council, on a night other than regular council meetings.

Council Report

Sheila asked about how overtime is paid to employees. The council said they will review the personnel policy and re-evaluate the policy as needed.

Lakeside STUCO

Tanna Cunningham asked the council if Lakeside students could do community service projects in town on May 1st. They approved the idea. Tanna asked to have a list of projects turned into the school by April 1st.

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

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

Jerri Senger,
City Clerk