

March 5, 2018

## **Glen Elder City Council Minutes**

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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., March 5, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Shelby Senger, Travis & Mary Eberle, Rich Miller, Terry & Crystal Cunningham, Shane & Jo Abram, Chad Hallack, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Garry Clark, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

### Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ken made the motion to approve the minutes, Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of February amounting to \$44,886.53 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and Wheatfield Floral bills were reviewed. Tracy made a motion to approve the claims. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

### K-18 Baseball

Terry Cunningham informed the council that there are enough kids to have a K-18 baseball team in town. He asked the council if the city would set two new poles in the outfield and attach the lights that Heineken Electric donated. Eldon mentioned new sixty-five foot poles cost around \$1,000.00 each and Terry said they could raise funds to pay for the poles. The younger baseball teams will continue playing in town. Eldon said the city has the needed wiring and transformer. The council loved the idea and approved it.

### Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Rich Miller asked for a stop sign and cross walk to be placed across Main Street south of the pool to the castle station. He said there have been a couple close calls with kids crossing the street at that location. After some discussion the council decided to have something put in the middle of the intersection at Main and Market that slows the traffic for the kids. It will be a temporary sign that can be removed after pool season. Rich mentioned the LHS art class will be painting a new 4x8 rules board after spring break. He said staff training is interesting this year. Beloit just certified new guard instructors and he is waiting to hear back when they will set their training dates. He has the dates and prices for Hays, Salina, and Junction City. The council approved to again pay for certification of guards. He went over the list of new and returning guards and then turned in his resignation. The council thanked him for the good job he has done the last couple years.

### Fire Department

Fire Chief Garry Clark said the county commissioners set the old ambulance purchase price at \$6,000.00. Barry made a motion to approve the purchase of the old ambulance. Larry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Garry mentioned they got to use the old ambulance as an equipment van for the last year, due to the generosity of the commissioners.

### City Welcome Signs

There was discussion on the eight slogan suggestions for the new city welcome signs; however no final decision was made. The council discussed and came to a consensus that they

would like to get nice looking metal signs with limestone bases and solar spot lights. Prices and design options will be discussed next month.

#### Code Enforcement

There was some discussion on a code enforcement officer. The Mayor and council would like to get someone hired no later than the next council meeting. Advertisements for the position will be put in the local newspapers.

#### ATV Permits

Barry made a motion to approve ATV permit #1 for Terry Cunningham and #2 for Rick Gruwell. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

#### Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with two bids on suck-vac machines. The bid from Vermeer is less than the bid from Ditch Witch Undercon, however Eldon said the engine is larger on the Ditch Witch and it is the same brand of machine they are use to working with. Ditch Witch will finance \$25,000.00 of the cost for 36 months at 4.80%, with \$12,900.00 down. The suck-vac machine comes on a trailer, has a 250 gallon tank, and Eldon said it has a winterization feature. Larry made a motion to purchase the Ditch Witch suck-vac machine for \$37,900.00 with the three year financing option. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon presented the council with Senger Construction's bid to install a sidewalk and ADA ramp into the new city hall door for \$1,700.00. There was some discussion on the hand rails that will need to be installed.

Eldon suggested resurfacing the streets on the hill and the council asked him to bring prices to the next council meeting.

#### Clerk Report

The clerk said the IRS waived the penalty for the stop payment on the 2017 payroll taxes. The clerk and council briefly discussed the auditor request for proposal she drafted.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk