

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
March 7, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., March 7, 2022, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Sherri Linton, Kevin Noller, Thomas Depew, Garry Clark, Cody Thompson, James Reed, Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of February amounted to \$45,849.74, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and city attorney bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

EMC Insurance

Insurance agent, Sherri Linton, explained the April renewal for the City's EMC Liability Insurance policy. She said rates have increased just like everything else. She mentioned the linebacker increased which covers the governing body. Sherri mentioned the equipment added and deleted last year. She said buildings are covered at replacement cost. Fire Chief Garry Clark asked if the thermal imaging equipment they have is covered with the building. Sherri said EMC is one of the top insurance companies out there for cities. Barry made a motion to approve the 2022 EMC Insurance proposal through Linton Insurance Agency. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Officer, James Reed, went over a list of issues that he had addressed with residents last month. He said with higher gas prices and winter months, he has not been driving through town as much. He assured the council he will be in town more when the weather warms up and he gets moved back to the lake.

Fire Department

Garry Clark informed the council both fire trucks are over 30 years old. He would like permission to look for or purchase a newer truck. He said the green truck has 162,000 miles on it and he would like to replace it. The red truck is older with less miles and leaky valves, but it has better water pumping capability than the green truck. Garry informed the council that both trucks are still passing tests. He estimates a newer, used truck will cost anywhere from \$50,000.00 to \$150,000.00. The council asked him to keep looking for the truck he wants and a special council meeting can be called if needed.

Employee Health Insurance

The council went over the proposals from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas on different options for health insurance. Landen made a motion to stay with the old "grandfathered" plan of employee health insurance. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Booster Station Pumps

Eldon informed the council of the \$19,500.00 bid he received from Hahn Masonry to build a new, larger water pump building. The new building will have concrete block walls, a concrete roof, and a steel door making it a safer building to house the new water booster pumps. Eldon also informed the council Stuart Porter found a bid for a booster pump of \$53,315.00, cheaper than the last bid. Eldon mentioned that Stuart is still pricing 3-pump systems and hopes to get the previously bid pump at a lower price. After some discussion and Eldon stating the old pump building would be used for storage, Landen made a motion to approve the bid from Hahn to build the 14' x 12' pump building. He added to the motion the purchase of the cheaper booster pumps. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. It was noted the ARPA money and the water fund will be used to pay for this project. The goal for project completion is August – September, 2022.

Hobart Street Repair

The resurface project on Hobart Street was discussed. The total project cost is expected just under \$112,000.00; with the curb and gutter replacement, Coughlin's milling and resurfacing, and the city crew oiling and chatting the street twice. Using money from the general street, special highway, and truck route reserve funds the city can afford to do the project this year. Lori made a motion to hire the Coughlin Company to mill and resurface Hobart Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Eldon mentioned the chat was purchased last year and he may need to hire someone with a payloador to help pick up the milled street materials.

Building Permits

Building permit chairman, Dan Winkel, went through the list of building permit applications on the agenda. He said they all look fine. Landen made a motion to approve the following building permits: #22-2 – Install an internet antenna and equipment on the CVA grain silo for Nextlink at 201 E. Railroad St., #22-3 – Erect patio with cover and carport for Jared Gray at 409 W. 1st St., #22 - 4 – Erect concrete patio and privacy fence for Cody Fears at 112 N. Center St., #22-5 – Concrete over rock driveway for Central Valley Ag at Mill & Kansas Streets, #22-6 – Concrete pad for Nathan Cummins at 300 W. Center Street RV Park, #22-7 – A new 10' x 20' shed for Doug Walker at 300 W. Center RV Park. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Council Reports

Angie enjoyed attending the League's KOMA training. She encouraged others to attend League trainings. There was a brief discussion about the League's Governing Body Institute and Mayors Conference in Manhattan on April 29 & 30, 2022.

Attorney Scott Wright said he will email the library deed to City Hall.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk