

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
April 4, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 6:00 p.m., April 4, 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: Colleen Eberle, Kevin Noller, Thomas Depew, Kayla Hamilton & kids, James Reed, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the March 7 & 21, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$88,072.98, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and Cawker City Ledger bills were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Murals of Mitchell County

Colleen Eberle informed those present, Mitchell County Strong was created during the COVID shutdown. They are pursuing their 501c3 status and have selected “Murals for Mitchell County” as their first initiative. The goal is to have one mural in each town in Mitchell County. She said murals promote tourism and each mural will have a QR code beside them. The QR codes will have information about the mural and will track visitation at each location. Colleen said the Solomon Valley Community Foundation has donated \$1,000 per city for the murals. She said fundraising through public support is how the murals will be funded. The cost of a mural depends on the size and the artist, with a base estimate at \$5,000. Colleen mentioned they are looking for sites for murals, preferably public or commercial sites. As for the surface, she said brick or stucco is the best. She also mentioned having a good gutter over the site of the murals is preferred, as water can damage them. She added most of the financial support will come from citizen donations and there will be no cost to the building owner, unless there is prep work. She did say the building owner has input and final approval of the mural to be painted on their building.

Code Enforcement Report

The council reviewed the March activity report from code officer James Reed. There was a discussion on verbal complaints concerning dogs on north Hobart Street, it was mentioned without a written complaint or documented evidence – not much could be done at this time.

Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kayla Hamilton was present. She informed the council she is having a difficult time getting kids to commit to being guards this summer. She said at this time, she does not have a water safety instructor. She is going to continue to reach out and hopefully will find the needed guards so the pool can open this summer.

Summer Help

Eldon said Rick Gruwell will be coming back to help this summer. He asked about finding a replacement for Devon’s old position or if he should hire one more summer person. After some discussion, the council wants to hire summer help and will bring up Devon’s old

position again in the fall. Eldon said he has a college guy that is interested in working this summer.

Electrical H Structure

Eldon said Prairie Land Electric presented a bid for \$5,240.00, for labor only, to replace the electrical H structure south of town feeding the water plant. He said the city will supply all the materials. Eldon added they plan to put in three 45-foot poles, to replace the old deteriorated two-pole structures. He said the bid is to replace the north side. He mentioned the south side will be replaced next year. Dan made a motion to hire Prairie Land to replace the electrical H structure. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Meeting Time

Barry made a motion to move the council meeting times back to 7:00 pm. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Wages

At 6:40 pm Landen made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council members present. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:00 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Landen made a motion to pay the following wages: \$8.50 to summer operational help, \$23.25 to the City Supervisor, \$20.50 to the City Clerk. These wages are to begin with the April 1, 2022 time worked, or May 1, 2022 paychecks. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Angie abstained from the vote.

Building Permits

Dan Winkel, building permit chairman, went through the application for Trahoon's fence and dog pen. After a brief discussion, Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #22-8 – erect a grain bin gazebo for Bill Erb at 108 N. College, and #22-9 – erect a dog pen and privacy fence for Tyler Trahoon at 121 E. Kansas. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council Hahn Masonry will start on the booster pump building in the next week or so. He said Stuart Porter is still looking for a lower price on the original pump he received bids for.

Eldon also mentioned they will be switching back to the original soap at the car wash. They tried a different soap and have not been happy with the results.

Devon asked about staying on the clock when he goes out to fight rural fires. He assured the council if they were working on a project or he was needed in town, he wouldn't leave. The council approved paying him to go on rural fire calls.

Clerk's Report

The clerk announced it has been a year since the 2021 winter storm charges began. After this month only ten accounts will remain on the payment agreement plan.

The clerk thanked the council for allowing her to attend the Spring Clerk's Conference. She said KMIT has a new health insurance option with Blue Cross Blue Shield. She plans to invite a KMIT representative to come explain the program to the council.

The clerk mentioned getting word from Scott Wright that CB Trucking will be served and has a court date set for May.

Council Reports

There was a brief discussion on the letter received from Katie Schroeder on the judicial tax foreclosures of delinquent properties.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk