

April 6, 2026

**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., April 6, 2026, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Lindsey Clark, Kevin Noller, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Brandt Bolte, City Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of March 2, 2026, meetings were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2nd meeting. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of March amounted to \$128,531.65, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Lindsey made a motion to approve the claims. Kevin seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

EMC Insurance Renewal

Brandt Bolte, Mahin Insurance Agent, apologized to the council for missing the last meeting. He mentioned that Devon found some missing items that had never been under the city's insurance coverage. Those items were added and the new premium due is now \$46,643.00. Brandt said he will get the EMC quotes and policy information to the city sooner next year. Angie made a motion to pay the EMC Insurance premium. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The council asked Brandt what was needed for swimming lessons at the pool. Brandt said the city needs to have proof of insurance and to be named as an additional named insured on Kaetlin's policy.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the March code enforcement report.

Attorney Scott Wright said he will get the complaints drafted and served this month on Tracy Smith and the Evaristo's, before the next meeting.

The council noted that Lucas visited with Tritsch about the forklifts.

Devon informed the council Mike Louthan requested assistance to put a ramp in front of his business. Asking if the city crew would cut out the concrete curb and Mike will have someone else pour the ramp.

Swimming Pool

The council reviewed the swimming pool admission rates, since they have all changed in the last couple years, they felt it best to leave them the same this year.

The council reviewed the lifeguard manuals. They asked Devon, Joe and Jerri to attend the pre-season guard training.

The council wants to be sure the city is added to Kaetlin's insurance policy.

Seasonal Employee Wage Review

Lindsey made a motion to give every seasonal employee a .50¢ raise each year they return and increase the pool manager's wage \$50.00 per month. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Manual

The council wants to protect employees by developing a policy about donating sick leave hours to another employee. The clerk was asked to draft a new policy on donating time, only allowing sick leave to be donated after an employee has built up a minimum of 240 hours, first.

Forms need to be filled out by the employee donating the time and the employee receiving the time. Catastrophic leave will be decided by the council on a case-by-case basis.

WAPA REC's

After a brief discussion by the council on the WAPA REC's, Lindsey made a motion to neither sell nor retire Glen Elder's WAPA REC's. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried four ayes.

Bureau of Reclamation Easement

Attorney Scott Wright said the newly drafted power line easement with the Bureau of Reclamation looked good to him and the required application looked fine. Kevin made a motion to send the application, application fee, and easement agreement with maps to the Bureau of Reclamation. Lindsey seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Water Line Project

The clerk informed the council that Glen Elder was awarded the 2026 HB 2302 Technical Assistance Grant for \$83,000.00. This grant should cover the engineering and administrative fees for the water line project. The city will need to, again, pre-apply for the KDHE SRF low interest loan. Angie made a motion to accept the Technical Assistance Grant and pre-apply for this year's KDHE SRF loan. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Verizon Tower Lease

The mayor signed the updated lease amendment for tower rent with Verizon and it was sent back to Verizon on March 23rd. Attorney Wright will contact Verizon about the final signatures on the lease. It was noted, once the lease is finalized Verizon can proceed with their tower modifications as requested in building permit #26-2.

Building Permit

There was a brief discussion on building permit application #26-5, a new fence for Alex Volnek at 304 N. Hobart Street. Mr. Volnek wants to put the fence on the property line but has not had his property surveyed. The council tabled the application request until the property has been surveyed, so exact property boundaries are known, and until the application fee is paid.

Multi-Sport Court Renovation Report

Devon mentioned the multi-sport court shelter would be moved to the south side of the courts and he asked the council what color tin they would like on the roof. The council selected a light tan color for the 42-foot shelter roof.

Devon asked about the 10-foot area around the court if the council wanted it rocked or poured into concrete. The council chose to have the area concrete.

The council reviewed the bid from SMC to replace 180 feet of curb, sidewalk and parking area from Hobart Street east to the east edge of the court property line. The bid came in at \$65,298.12, much more than the council wants to spend at this time. The council tabled the curb, sidewalk and parking replacement at this time. The council asked Devon and his crew to cut the sidewalk next to the court to four-foot wide, for now so the crews can get everything built.

Devon said the fence contractor starts tomorrow and the SMC crew wants to start pouring concrete next week.

Employee Report

Devon has hired his third summer employee, and he will start in May after High School is out.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the March connect & delinquent reports.

The clerk informed the council that the fundraising account for the court renovation has been closed and the \$31,323.68 was put into the Capital Improvement Fund. \$1,500.00 was received in March from CVA for the court project, but the clerk has not seen the match from Land O'Lakes. The city did not receive the T-Mobile grant. Angie asked if Chelsa will be re-applying for the T-Mobile grant.

The clerk informed the council on March 4th the city was granted the Build America Buy America (BABA) waiver for the KCC grant. The new meters were ordered. The demand and renewable energy meters have arrived and are now awaiting the arrival of the residential meters. The clerk submitted the first quarterly report for the grant, and the first reimbursement request.

The clerk told the council in July she plans to apply for a Solomon Valley Community Foundation Grant to purchase two new AED machines, one for city hall and one for the post office.

Angie would like the city to apply for the Kansas Safe Routes to Schools Grant to put in a sidewalk up the hill on Main Street to Center Street. She suggested getting some help from Mom's with children that live on the hill.

The Clerk informed the council the city has about \$1,000.00 to paint the backside of the mural. She will attend a budget workshop in Salina on May 7th. Kari DeMars has purchased a 6-month vending license to set up her food truck on the square.

Council

Lori checked into the K-State Veterinary trailer that spays and neuters stray cats. She said we will need to have the number of cats needing services and they prefer to set up at one location. She mentioned they usually come to remedy a hoarding situation.

With no other business, Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk