

May 1, 2023

## **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., May 1, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Garry Clark, James Reed, Scott Smith, Kevin Noller, Ryan Duskie, Kyle Spielbusch, Kaetlin Hyman, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### **Resignation & Appointment**

The council read Barry McPeak's resignation as a council member, effective 4-26-2023. The council and Mayor would like to thank Barry for his service, he will be missed at the council table.

Landen made a motion to approve the mayor's appointment of Ryan Duskie to the vacant council position. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ryan took his official oath of office and his seat at the council table.

### **Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Landen made the motion to approve the minutes, Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ryan abstained.

The claims on hand for the month of April amounted to \$88,374.34, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas One-Call, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Code Enforcement**

James Reed, Code Enforcement Officer, said he didn't have much to report until we receive some rain. Lori Augustine asked about the weeds on North Hobart along the creek, across from Marlene German's. Devon said the city crew will cut them down. She also asked about the Hiserote building on the corner, of Market and Kansas Streets. Glass is falling out of the windows onto the sidewalk. James said he will contact Mr. Hiserote.

### **Audit Report**

Kyle Spielbusch, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, went through the 2022 Audit Report. The only note made in the communication letter was for the segregation of duties, which applies to every small town. Kyle said there was one audit adjustment needed, due to a software error, and the council asked him to delete the inaccurate sentence pertaining to who the clerk is married to. These corrections will be made and the audit report will be sent to the state. The council asked if the cemetery trust money can be spent. Kyle will look into that and get back with the council.

### **Swimming Pool**

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman reported she has six guards and one substitute guard lined up for the summer. She has a cleaning day with the guards on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the pool will open on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. She said there are already three private parties on the schedule. There was some discussion about group swimming lessons. With no WSI certified guards this year, there will be no group lessons. Kaetlin said private lessons are up to the guards. Kaetlin

mentioned she asked the guards about giving private lessons and the response was not positive. She said her guards are busy and have other activities they are involved in during the summer.

Dan said he is concerned about the trucks and heavy traffic near the pool. He said kids dart across the street and he is concerned for their safety. The council asked to have a sign put up to slow down traffic and discourage large equipment and trucks from driving on Main Street next to the pool. Devon said the crosswalks will be repainted after the street oiling and sanding is done.

### **Summer Help**

Devon reported they have only received one application for summer help and he has a potential returning summer employee. Devon said he has contacted the area high schools to put out his summer help wanted information.

### **Fire Truck Grant**

Garry Clark, Fire Chief, said the fire department would like to apply for a Dane G. Hansen Foundation grant to help purchase a new fire truck. They currently have just under \$52,000.00 in their equipment reserve fund and they will be doing another fundraiser, raffling off guns, at Fun Day. He hopes that will bring in around \$10,000.00. Garry asked for the council's approval to hire North Central Regional Planning Commission to do all of the grant paperwork at a fee of \$1,500.00 or for a fee of \$500.00 the city could do the submittals. Landen made a motion to hire NCRPC at a fee of \$1,500 to apply for the Dang Hansen grant. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Devon said the grant is due June 1<sup>st</sup> and they will be applying for \$60,000.00.

### **Lakes & Waters Byway**

Sheila attended the April 12<sup>th</sup> tourism meeting about establishing a *Lakes & Waters Byway* along Highway 24 between Clay Center and Cawker City. The council is positive about the idea and would like more information on what is required of the city.

### **Glen Elder Mural**

Greg Holdren plans to begin painting the mural on the Cunningham building on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mitchell County Strong has \$4,095.00 collected for the Glen Elder mural. The group will be applying for a grant and will earmark \$3,250 to use toward Glen Elder's next mural. The council asked the clerk to find out how much has been collected since the first of the year for the cities matched pledge. They also asked to have mural donation information put in the next newsletter.

### **Council Elections**

June 1, 2023, at noon, is the filing deadline for the three council seats up for election this year.

### **Building Permits**

Landen made a motion to approve building permits: #23-9 – a new car port garage for Scott Shaw at 200 E. Kansas. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

### **Retirement Notice**

The council read the retirement notice from Eldon Behymer. His last day on the job will be June 30, 2023.

### **Employee Report**

Devon said the water meter at the state park was hit by lightning. It will cost \$4,000.00 for a new meter. Devon mentioned Larry Wheeler wants to have a portion of his curb replaced along Kansas Street, approximately 30 feet, before he installs his new sprinkler system. Devon estimates the project will cost around \$1,400.00 and Larry is willing to pay half the cost. Devon said he will ask Ron Eberle if he is willing to do the job and report back to the council. The council tabled any decision on the project.

Devon said his crew was called out at 5:02 pm last Friday and asked about getting the previously discussed hour minimum overtime for the time they were out. The council approved this. Angie asked that a policy be written up concerning lunch breaks when employees are at trainings.

The council discussed Wes Thompson's drainage tube and the dirt being hauled onto the property on College Street. Devon said he has tried contacting Wes and is waiting to hear back from Wes. It was noted that Wes has not obtained a building permit yet for his property and the work he is doing there.

There was a brief discussion about the drainage ditch running alongside Scott Smith's property to the creek. Devon, Dan and a representative from the Beloit NRCS office met with the Smith's and found there to be no issue at the ditch that a good rain could not solve.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported the February 2021 winter storm payments have all been received. She asked a billing question on an RV campground.

### **Council Report**

The council commented on how nice the city park looks. Landen wants to meet with Devon about the city signs on the highway. It was mentioned the community club did a great job on the Easter Egg Hunt.

With no other business, Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Landen seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk