

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
May 2, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., May 2, 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: Kevin Noller, Thomas and Sarah Depew, Cody Thompson, Neil Phillips, Attorney Scott Wright, James Reed, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 4, 2022, meeting were 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 April amounted to \$40,875.97, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas Gas, CVA, Cunningham Telephone, Abram Ready-Mix, City Attorney, and Kansas One-Call bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement Report

Code officer James Reed said there hasn't been much to report, but with the rain received he expects to get busy. There was a discussion on continued verbal complaints concerning dogs on north Hobart Street. It was again mentioned without a written complaint or documented evidence – not much could be done at this time.

Audit Report

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, went through the 2021 Audit Report. Neil said no adjustments or corrections were needed on the information they received from the City Clerk to the audit's final report. The only note made in the communication letter was for the segregation of duties, which applies to every small town. Neil asked the council to pay close attention to everything they sign and all the financial documents presented to them at council meetings.

Fire Department

Cody Thompson, Glen Elder's Assistant Fire Chief, asked to have John Mosher appointed as a new fireman. Barry made a motion to appoint John Mosher to the Glen Elder City Volunteer Fire Department. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Cody informed the council the fire department would like to have a fundraiser to put towards the purchase of a newer fire truck. The clerk will check with the auditor on how to properly handle the funds received. Cody mentioned they would like to have a raffle. The attorney checked into the legalities and gave the fire department his blessing to host a raffle.

There was a discussion on fireworks this summer. With the rain received today the council tabled any decisions at this time.

Steak Cookoff

Sarah Depew asked the council's permission to again host a Steak Cookoff Association (SCA) event on Saturday, October 29, 2022. She mentioned this cookoff will be a "last chance" event to receive an invitation into the Kansas championship. The council granted her permission. Sarah added they would like to host the event annually.

Swimming Pool

The clerk reported to the council, the pool manager had informed her of two additional returning guards that will work this summer. The council brainstormed ideas to help this summer with a smaller work staff. It was discussed to shorten open hours on ballgame nights. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday opening 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Then being open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. The council also discussed guard wages, with the demand to increase wages to what Beloit and now the City of Downs pays. Dan made a motion to pay lifeguards \$10.00 per hour and pay the two assistant managers \$11.00 per hour. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

With the increase in the cost of supplies to maintain the pool, the council discussed pool fees. They discussed having an “early bird” special, on season passes only, ending the day before the pool opens. The “special” will be at the old pass rates from last summer. Landen made a motion to increase the family season passes \$10.00, increase the daily admission ¢.50, the other season passes will increase \$5.00, and increase the private party \$15.00 (with no early bird special on the private parties). Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Dan Winkel, building permit chairman, stated his concern about the five-foot set-back on alleys. He wants the council to be firm about keeping permanent structures five feet off the alley right-of-way. Dan said with fences the council can be a little more flexible. Lori made a motion to approve the following building permits: #22-10 – replace and expand sidewalk for Darel Stuart at 200 N. Nash, #22-11 – erect a metal fence for Roy Bischoff at 336 N. Nash, #22-12 – a privacy fence and shed with concrete slab for Austin Clark at 209 S. Nash, and #22-13 – 18 x 40 building addition for Senger Construction at 216 N. Nash. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon stated they are still looking for water booster pumps. It was asked when Ron Eberle Construction will begin working on the Hobart curb and gutters. Eldon said Eberle will start in the next few weeks, after school gets out.

Clerk’s Report

City Attorney Scott Wright informed the council CB Trucking was served a notice to appear. Their court date is May 12, 2022.

Council Reports

Dan asked about replacing the bad sections of curb around the square. There was a brief discussion and the topic was tabled until next year.

Angie attended the League’s Governing Body Conference in Manhattan. Angie said she learned a lot from the conference and encouraged everyone to attend. Sheila attended the conference as well and agreed the sessions were very informative.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk