

Glen Elder City Council Minutes
May 6, 2019

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., May 6, 2019 at City Hall, with Council President Sheila Paxson and council members: Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler present. Also in attendance: Garry Clark, Jeff Shelton, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 1 & 11, 2019 meetings were reviewed. Larry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes. The claims on hand for the month of April amounting to \$77,644.16 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Outdoor Memories, and Brian Germann bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with four ayes.

Fire

Fire Chief, Garry Clark informed the council there are some fire pits in town that are too large and are left burning unattended. He stated the current ordinance prohibits burning of any kind within the city limits without written permission from himself, the fire chief. He would like the city to adopt an ordinance similar to the one in Beloit, which sets a maximum size for fire pits. The council asked to have Katie draft an ordinance to be approved next month.

Garry reported the fire department has four carbon fiber bottles that are going bad and asked for permission to purchase four new bottles at \$400.00 each. Larry made a motion to approve the purchase of the new carbon bottles. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Enforcement Report

Jeff reported on the Tracy Smith case, stating substantial progress has been made cleaning up the property. Jeff said that he asked Tracy to continue the cleanup and keep the property clean. He reported visiting with Nic Wood last month about a dog feces issue. Jeff said he has a new issue with tall grass and a skunk at 200 N. Vine. Lastly he asked to have the curb painted in front of the fire hydrant at Outdoor Memories. He said folks are illegally parking and blocking the fire hydrant in front of the store.

Food Vendors

After some discussion on the food trailer that has been coming to town, it was decided that with the small amount of electricity she uses not to charge her for electricity, but to have her pay the current vendor fee of \$10.00 per day. Larry made a motion to approve the updated vendor application. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Swimming Pool

Eldon reported the insurance adjuster totaled the pool bath house roof due to hail damage. He presented the council with bids from Cottonwood Restorations LLC, new shingles at \$2,550.00 or a metal roof at \$3,400.00. Larry made a motion to approve a new green metal roof for the pool bath house. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes with Barry voting against it. Landen made a motion to leave pool admissions rates all the same as last year. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon passed around pictures of cracking concrete and peeling paint at the swimming pool. He said McKee's will come take a look at the pool tomorrow and he wants to get on their fall list for repairs. The council asked him to bring prices to the next council meeting.

New Library Building

The council discussed the draft lease agreement with the Glen Elder Library Association for the new library building. Larry made a motion to approve the lease as written. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit #19-6 a small storage shed for Randy Williams at 300 N. Center, #19-7 a carport for Perry Copeland at 308 W. Main, and #19-8 a new fence (west and south of the building) for Toni Schlaelfi at Tiny Treasures. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

ATV

Barry approved ATV permit 2019: #13 – Doug Walker, #14 – Jim Ptacnik, #15 – Ashley Spaulding, #16 – Larry Wheeler, #17 – John Senger, #18 – Landen Cleveland, #19 and #20 – Art Duerksen, #21 – Mary Winkel, and #22 – Patrick Krantz. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Larry and Landen abstaining from voting on their own permits.

Employee Report

Eldon presented the council with a bid from Bob Bergkamp Construction in Wichita for \$74,500.00 to resurface Kansas Street from Marshall to Mill Streets. Eldon reported that he didn't get good reviews on the Salina company and one of the references he called recommended him this Wichita company. The council asked the clerk to invite Jeff Holling and Terry Collins to the next regular council meeting.

Eldon asked permission to purchase a new 720-E zero-turn John Deere mower. He wants to trade in the 125 52" deck Grasshopper mower. He said they will give him \$2,750.00 for the trade-in making the total for the new John Deere \$2,700.00. Eldon said he has the money in his Equipment Reserve Fund. Barry made a motion to purchase the new John Deere mower and trade in the Grasshopper mower. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Eldon said the electronic meter reading company wants to come this month to visit with the council about their system. The council set up a special meeting Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 pm. Eldon reminded the council the system will be expensive, somewhere around \$50,000.00 to purchase.

Eldon reported they plan to install the new sprinkler system in the park after Memorial Day weekend. He mentioned the grass is looking terrible right now and they have plans to over-seed it.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the city is able to accept debit and credit cards now, online or in the office. She reminded the council of the June 3rd filing deadline for the three council seats up for election. She mentioned the filing fee is \$20.00 at the courthouse, and added the deadline is at noon that day. The Clerk asked for permission to transfer the final building payment from Hamilton into the Capital Improvement Fund, the council approved the transfer. The clerk reported she opened a new 12-month CD in the amount of \$34,500.00. She mailed water

selenium violation notices with utility bills, the auditor came last week, and the council reviewed the delinquent customer list turned over to the State for collections.

Council Report

Larry and Barry asked Eldon to contact Jeff Holling asking CVA to repair the fencing at the senior housing and to repair the cemetery road where the trucks have torn it up.

Landen reported the senior housing looks great with the new retaining wall, patio, and new shingles.

With no other business Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion and with four 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