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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 7, 2018 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Tracy Anderes, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Larry Wheeler. Also in attendance: Jeff & Jessie Goodaker, Raylynn Anderes, Denise Jackson, Chad Hallack with KDNS, Code Officer Jeff Shelton, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the April 2 & 17, 2018 meetings were reviewed. Sheila made the motion to approve the minutes, Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. The claims on hand for the month of April amounting to \$58,182.53 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric and City of Beloit bills were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Third Dog Request

Jeff Goodaker said they currently have a brother's German shepherd dog and asked for permission to keep him. The council granted permission to have a third dog. The council said if there are any issues with any of their dogs, they will re-evaluate their decision.

Glen Haven Apartments & Dogs in Park

Denise Jackson, Glen Haven Apartment Manager, informed the council they were awarded a \$40,000.00 Dane G. Hansen grant. Grant funds will be used to build a new concrete retaining wall, put in a new patio, raised garden beds, new sidewalks, and a new door opening onto the patio from the community room. She said they will need donations from the community for garden tools and supplies. Denise said Senger Construction will be doing the concrete work and they will begin the project in August or September.

Denise mentioned that there was an issue before the Easter Egg Hunt with the amount of dog waste in the park. The council feels it is disrespectful for dog owners not to pick up after their dogs. There was some discussion on purchasing dog waste stations, but those are expensive and were unsure how many to purchase or if they would even be utilized. The Attorney will draft a new ordinance concerning dogs at the cemetery, park and ball field.

Signage for Restrooms

Sheila said Winkel Manufacturing is making the sign for the public restrooms.

City Welcome Signs

Tracy said the welcome signs have been the most frustrating project to work on. She has tried to keep business local, but no one returns her calls or follows through with contacting her on bids. It was suggested she call Apple One Media from Belleville.

Sewer Lagoons

Eldon informed the council the sludge in two of the sewer ponds is climbing up the sides and plugging the flow pipes connecting the three ponds. He said the two ponds need cleaned out. Ron Schlaefli will clean one pond for \$15,000.00. Eldon said Ron has the equipment and experience as he cleaned out a sewer pond at Tescott. Eldon mentioned it has been years since the

ponds were cleaned and once cleaned out the ponds should be good for 20 years. He said there are testing and other steps that need to be followed with the state before the ponds can be cleaned. Barry made a motion to hire Ron Schlaelfi to clean one sewer pond this year. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes. Eldon expects the project to be done in August.

Cemetery Road

Ken mentioned that he was approached, and asked to have the cemetery road taken care of for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. It was noted that we spent \$3,000.00 on rock last year for the road and it is a township road. The city crew blades and packs the road two or three times a year. The Mayor said, "The cemetery road will be in as good a shape as the weather allows."

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve the following building permits: #18-3 a new patio for Darel Stuart at 200 N. Nash, and #18-4 a new house, garage, and patio for Terry Raymer at 304 N. Center. Ken seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Ken made a motion to approve ATV permit #6 & #7 for Art & Pat Duerksen, and #8 for Seth Krueger. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement Report

New Code Officer, Jeff Shelton, asked the council the procedures on complaints. The council and attorney said that if he sees a violation he can file a complaint, if residents have complaints they need to come into City Hall and sign a written complaint. There was some discussion on drafting an ordinance limiting the time a camper can be parked on the streets to ten days. Jeff did visit with a couple residents about cleaning up their yards. Barry asked about getting some cones or reflective tape on the demolition dumpsters when left in the streets. Jeff asked if the city ordinances could be put on the website, the clerk will follow up on this. Jeff asked about the small motorized ATV's and bikes that are not street legal. The council informed him that all ATV's and golf carts are to have city permits, otherwise are not legal to drive on city streets.

Pool Manager

Larry made a motion to hire Brandi Duskie as the pool manager for this summer. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. The pool will open on Saturday, May 26 this year. The new manager and guards will be drug tested and the council approved the new price for private pool parties at \$85.00. Eldon said they are currently filling the pool and Brandi said they do not have dates set for Red Cross Swimming lessons yet.

Employee Report

Eldon asked for permission to purchase an electric scissor lift from Ken Kusler for \$2,000.00. Tracy made a motion to purchase the lift, Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ken abstained from the vote.

Eldon said the Hall Brothers bid came in at \$42,000.00. There was a discussion on the current condition of the streets and budgeting for this large expense for next year. Eldon said that Nash Street needs to be done, and he may have enough supplies to do some of the streets this year to get by. The council wants purchases to be cut back and they are concerned about the finances

of the City, especially since the bushel money is no longer available. The Clerk was asked to set up a special meeting with Mr. Dickinson from CVA. The council will wait until 2019 to hire Hall Brothers to seal the streets.

Clerk Report

The clerk informed the council she transferred \$15,000.00 from the Electric Fund into the Swimming pool Fund. The council reviewed the Council Meeting Participation Guidelines Policy. Tracy made a motion to approve the meeting policy and Larry seconded the motion. The vote carried with five ayes.

Council Report

Tracy commented on how nice the new crosswalks look on the streets. Eldon said the Lakeside High School students painted the crosswalks, handicapped symbols and curb at the Senior Center, and they painted part of a house on Vine Street.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy seconded the motion and with five 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