

June 5, 2023

A budget work session was held from 6:00 to 6:55 pm. Council members in attendance were Sheila Paxson, Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Ryan Duskie and Angie Behymer. Also present: City Clerk Jerri Senger and Maintenance Superintendent Devon Housh.

## **Glen Elder City Council Minutes June 5, 2023**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 5, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Ryan Duskie, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Scott Smith, Denise Jackson, Kevin Noller, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

### **Minutes & Claims**

The minutes of the May 1, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Angie asked to have an error in the minutes corrected. The minutes should read, "Eldon's last day on the job will be June 30, 2023." Ryan made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounted to \$85,418.79, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Fire Department Hydro Test, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the claims. Ryan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Employee Recognition**

Mayor Paxson asked to have Eldon Behymer presented with his certificate of appreciation and gift for his 29 years as an employee of the city. The Mayor will deliver Barry McPeak's certificate and gift for his time served on the city council.

### **Code Report**

The council reviewed the May report from Code Officer James Reed. Lori Augustine asked to have James check into the bones in the back of Tyler Trahoon's pickup. She received a report they smell.

### **Grain Belt Express Grant**

Denise Jackson informed the council, per Kevin Noller's suggestion, she applied for and received \$500.00 from the Grain Belt Express Community Grant for the Glen Elder murals. She stated the grants can be applied for quarterly. She asked the council's permission to apply for the money to purchase a 50-inch smart TV, a TV cover and swivel TV mount to be put up at the swimming pool. She would like to use the TV for water aerobics, and mentioned it would be good for music at the pool or to use at night swims. The council liked the idea, but wanted the approval of the pool manager first. Kaetlin Hyman arrived and said she loved the idea. Kaetlin mentioned she had a projector for night swims, but felt the TV would also be nice. The council asked Kaetlin to police what is watched during the day on the TV. Angie made a motion to approve Denise applying for grant money to purchase a TV for the swimming pool. Ryan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Fire Truck Grant**

Devon informed the council Bri Beck at North Central Regional Planning Commission has submitted the Dane G. Hansen Grant application for \$69,950.00 to use toward the purchase of a new fire truck.

### **2023 Audit Proposal**

The council reviewed the proposal from Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips to conduct the 2023 Audit for an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. The council asked to have a different internal auditor perform and present the 2023 audit report. Angie made a motion to approve the proposal for Jarred, Gilmore, Phillips to conduct the 2023 audit for no more than \$7,000.00. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Glen Elder Mural**

The council is asking for a few residents to form a mural committee. This group will work with Emily Benedick in locating the next mural site in Glen Elder, selecting a mural theme and coming up with fundraiser ideas. Angie has put the word out asking all Waconda East Alumni to donate to the Glen Elder murals. It was mentioned \$800.00 has been raised since January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the next Glen Elder mural. The city will match up to \$2,000.00.

### **Floodplain Management**

Angie made a motion to approve Ordinance #753 implementing floodplain management zoning regulations within the City of Glen Elder. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Fun Day**

Fun Day will be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. The council decided not to require vendor applications or fees for the event. The Community Club will be obtaining insurance for the event.

### **Fireworks Sale License**

Ryan made a motion to approve the Fireworks Sales License for Creighton & Shauna Remus, at 345 N. Hobart, as long as we are still getting moisture and there is not a county-wide burn ban in place on July 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Building Permits**

Lori made a motion to approve building permits: #23-11 – erect a car port at 317 N. Hobart for Tom Jones, #23-12 – dirt work and a retaining wall at 121 N. College for Wes Thompson, and #23-13 – erect a new concrete driveway at 200 E. Kansas for Scott Shaw. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

### **Council Elections**

The clerk reported the following filings for the three open council seats: Kevin Noller, Bob Kastrup, Landen Cleveland, and Lindsey Clark. The general election will be held on November 7, 2023.

### **Employee Report**

Devon informed the council he visited with Andrew Clark. The Waconda School District has found property on the hill they can put the EV bus charging station on. Devon is waiting to hear back from the school and Andrew on when they are ready to hang their meter.

Devon reported the curb and gutter replacement around the square is coming along nicely. He also mentioned they will be patching the curb at Larry Wheeler's driveway.

### **Clerk's Report**

The council reviewed the policy on overtime and travel for trainings. The clerk was asked to add; if no evening meal is provided while on overnight meetings, the employee will be reimbursed with receipts.

The clerk asked for suggestions to the summer newsletter, which will be mailed with the June utility bills.

The clerk informed the council, Emily Benedick will be using the back office tomorrow.

### **Council Report**

The council discussed the new water connect fees. A couple of the council members felt strongly that the fees should not have been increased during the winter, when water was already off to some residents. Dan made a motion to refund \$200.00 of the re-connect fees since the new ordinance became in effect. He added, the new \$250.00 connect fee will stand for future re-connects. Ryan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. The clerk was asked to put a note in with the refunds.

It was mentioned that everyone is enjoying the pool and we have sold 19 family pool passes so far.

With no other business, Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger  
City Clerk