

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
June 6, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., June 6, 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: Linda Mick, Chris Wagner, Dave & Nancy Stortz, Kevin Noller, Thomas Depew, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the May 2, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Landen made the motion to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of May amounted to \$73,450.45, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, City Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Barry made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Vehicle Parking Concerns

Linda Mick asked the council, as a homeowner, what her rights are concerning vehicles and trailers parked in the street along her property. She said the vehicles are parked for long periods of time without being moved. She mentioned not seeing current tags on all of the vehicles. Linda asked if there is or can be an ordinance about the issue. She has visited with the Code Enforcement Officer about the matter and James visited with her neighbor, more than once. She said this morning the pickup on the trailer, parked along her property, was finally moved - to the other side of the street. She said the neighbor parks close to her driveway and on both sides of the driveway. She said it makes it impossible to see if anyone is coming when backing out of the driveway, making it a hazard. The council will visit with the attorney about the matter and look for any regulations about the length of time a vehicle can be parked on a street.

Code Enforcement Report

The council reviewed James Reed's May code enforcement report. Mayor Paxson gave each council member a copy of the email from past Mayor Stuart concerning the proper procedure to handle all complaints from residents. She reiterated, we have hired James Reed for code enforcement and council members should direct residents to James when receiving complaints. He has been and will continue to handle issues as they arise.

Sale of the Hamilton Building

Mayor Paxson asked the council if they wanted to purchase the building back from Austen Hamilton. Dave and Nancy Stortz introduced themselves and said they want to purchase the building. They plan to put living quarters in the back and have an outdoor store in the front. They said if everything goes well, they hope to be the new owners by July 1st. Angie made a motion to decline the right of first refusal on the Hamilton building at 129 S. Mill Street. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The city received an email from David Dohe, Mitchell County Emergency Manager, asking the council to participate in the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan from 2023 – 2026.

Landen made a motion to participate in the program and have the mayor sign the form. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Mitchell County Murals

The council discussed locations in town suitable for a mural. The swimming pool, the soon to be built booster station building, the public restrooms, or the fire station would be their choices for a mural. The clerk will contact Emily Benedick with the council's choices and ask about the fundraising and the brochures for the county-wide project.

5-Year WAPA Plan

The Clerk asked the council for approval on the 5-year plan she completed as a requirement for receiving WAPA electricity. Angie made a motion to approve the plan and Barry seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes.

Fireworks Sale License

Landen made a motion to approve the fireworks sale license application for Shauna Remus at 345 N. Hobart. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Fireworks are only allowed to be sold July 1 through July 4; 8:00 am to 11:00 pm, and can only be shot off during those dates and times.

Thompson Fireworks Display

The council discussed the fireworks display of Wes Thompson's on College Street. It was mentioned that Wes was done last year at 11:00 pm and his display was held on a different night than the lake's display. Landen made a motion to allow Wes Thompson's fireworks display and to block off the street that evening. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Dan made a motion to approve building permit #22-14 a cement slab in front of the garage and a new privacy fence along the alley for Matt Hesting at 340 N. Hobart. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon stated they are still looking for the best water booster pumps. Eldon informed the council a new gate has been purchased for the ballfield. It will be put up in the southeast corner off, Vallette Street. He mentioned access to the ballfield is becoming too difficult through the parking lot north of the old school building.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the council CB Trucking paid their fire hydrant damage bill. She also said the new Mitchell County floodplain mapping is entering its final stages. The clerk asked the council to consider joining the National Flood Insurance Program. She said Mitchell County, Beloit, and Hunter are already members. The clerk received a call from Lucille Heller. Mrs. Heller wanted to thank the council and let them know Glen Elder has the nicest park with a playground, shelters and public restroom - in the county.

Council Reports

Dan thanked the guys for the nice grass and how well the park looks.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk