

July 3, 2023

**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., July 3, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Kevin Noller, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 5, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Lori made a motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounted to \$106,327.98, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Kansas One-Call, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Code Report

The council reviewed the June code enforcement report. James Reed, Code Officer, mentioned everything on the list is done or in the process of being completed.

Truck & Trailer Parking on Kansas Street

The city has received several complaints about the trucks, trailers, and the large camper parked along both side of east Kansas Street, belonging to the resident at 313 E. Kansas. It makes it impossible for two vehicles to go down the street or for tractors with equipment to pass between what is parked on both sides of the street. The council discussed different options to keep Kansas Street open, especially since it is one of the two designated truck route streets in town. Attorney Scott Wright suggested the council take the weight limit off the current ordinance and re-write the ordinance. The council tossed around the idea of eliminating parking on one side of Kansas Street. The council was concerned about punishing all for the actions of one, so they decided to wait and let James Reed visit with the resident as needed.

2024 Budget

The clerk went through the draft of the 2024 Budget. The county clerk set Glen Elder's revenue neutral rate at 33.179. The city will need to exceed the revenue neutral rate to meet all expenses for 2024. The proposed 2024 mill levy of 38.167, is less than both the 2023 and 2022 mill levies. The council approved the clerk to send the required notice to the county clerk by July 20, 2023. A public hearing will be held on September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm to review and discuss exceeding the revenue neutral rate and approve the 2024 budget.

Building Permits

Landen made a motion to approve building permits: #23-14 to move in an 8x12 shed and deck with a wheelchair ramp for Jeff Nelson at 213 N. Vine Street, and #23-15 to erect a shed with driveway and awning for Chris McKenna at 200 E. Main. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Employee Report

Devon informed the council the Waconda School District has a contract with Central Valley Ag for the EV bus charging station to be located on their 25-foot lot at the corner of Mill

and Kansas Streets (where the old bank building was). The charging station will be on the southern half of the lot. Devon said he will have the 200-amp service installed for the station and Andrew will install the meter he has built.

Devon said he ordered three new employee safety harnesses for the bucket truck.

Devon reported the curb and gutter around the square turned out good. He said the city crew is patching streets in preparation for the oiling crew.

Clerk's Report

The council reviewed the policy on overtime and travel for trainings, and approved it.

The clerk asked the council to review the email from the auditor concerning the Lowdermilk Cemetery Trust money. The interest from the trust money is to be used to purchase artificial flowers for the Lowdermilk family stone each Memorial Day. The trust money cannot be spent.

The clerk informed the council she will be out of the office on July 14, 26, 27, and 28. Linda will be covering the office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on those days.

The council reviewed the pictures of Putman's flooded sidewalk, when it rains. Devon said he will look at the sidewalk and report back.

Council Report

Landen commented on how awesome the mural looks. The council asked if anyone has signed up to be on the Glen Elder Mural Committee. The clerk said Kaetlin Hyman is the only one she has heard of, so far.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion and with four council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk