

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
July 5, 2022**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., July 5, 2022, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Linda Mick, Tom Ford, Sarah Depew, Wayne Augustine, James Reed, Attorney Scott Wright, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the June 6, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of June amounted to \$66,188.59, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes.

Council member Lori Augustine arrived.

City Lot

Tom Ford introduced himself. Tom and his wife Beth own Untamed Design, in Gillette, Wyoming. Tom is a well-known western wildlife artist specializing in metal art, bronze and metal sculptures, stone monuments, stone and wood furniture, estate signs, original drawings, and dry brush paintings. He would like to purchase the city's empty corner lot at Market and Kansas Street. Tom plans to build a studio and art gallery on the lot and become a full-time resident of Glen Elder. He and Beth own a home at 312 N. Hobart Street. Tom is also interested in leasing the city's narrow lot along Kansas Street, where the old legion building was. He would like to use that lot to display his art work. Tom informed the council "he spends his money where he makes it." He assured the council that his business would be an asset to the square and bring in tax revenue to the city.

Wayne Augustine owns the repair shop on Market Street, just north of City Hall. Wayne informed the council he would like to purchase the city's empty corner lot at Market and Kansas Street. Wayne would like to put in a drive-thru bay so he could repair semi-trucks with trailers attached. He would like to build a 50 x 60 addition to his existing shop. Wayne also mentioned the possibility of putting in a truck parts store in the future.

The council will discuss the idea of selling the lot and what would be the best fit for the city. The council will have a decision made by the end of next month's council meeting.

Code Enforcement & Vehicle Parking Concerns

Code Officer James Reed, informed the council he is receiving verbal complaints about Evariosto's barking dogs, from the neighbors to the south. The June code enforcement report was reviewed. Council member Behymer asked about the no parking ordinance of trucks and trailers in excess of 36,000 pounds on Kansas Street between Hobart and Marshall Street.

Linda Mick informed the council, as of right now the neighbor's vehicles have been moved away from her driveway. She asked if there is a limit to how long a vehicle can be parked on the streets. It was mentioned if the vehicle runs and has current tags, it is okay to be parked on the street.

Fun Day

Sarah Depew was present representing the Glen Elder Community Club. She said Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 30th. She asked if they can use the city's picnic tables, permission to block off Market Street in front of the library (between Main and Kansas Streets), and to use city cones to block off the street. She said the Fun Day will be a full-day event: with a poker run, kid's games in the square, a parade, free swim at the pool, a meal or food trucks, and a band.

Mitchell County Murals

The council discussed more locations in town suitable for a mural. The brick area at the top of the senior center, the short brick wall on the sidewalk belonging to the bank, the south wall of Stortz's building, the back of the Wilson Neff sign, and possibly the Legion building's east wall. The council likes the idea of an interactive mural and possibly something that could be moved if needed. Tom Ford said he does 3-D metal wall art and he would like to help with the mural project. Landen Cleveland will contact Emily Benedick with the council's ideas, give her Tom Ford's contact information, and ask her few other questions from the council.

Court Fines

Scott Wright informed the council court costs are currently \$100.00 which is common, however court fines have not been updated in a long time and they are set by the council. Scott said he would prefer a range for fines instead of a set fine, for example - \$25 for the first offense. He said in some situations it would be nice if the Attorney would have the flexibility to recommend stiffer fines for first offenses with a history of notices and complaints. Thus, allowing the Judge to set a stiffer fine for a case. He said with the fines as they are now, it is costing far more to have the Judge and Attorney come to a court date than what is collected. Landen asked Scott to come up with a recommendation for next month's meeting.

Swimming Pool Update

Kayla Hamilton notified the city that she will not be the 2023 pool manager. The council wants to begin looking for a new pool manager soon.

Building Permits

Eldon stated the building permit application #22-15 was good with the building setbacks for the property. Barry made a motion to approve building permit #22-15 a new garage and landscaping fence for Tom & Beth Ford at 312 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 the new building to house the booster pumps was started today.

Clerk's Report

The clerk asked how to charge Austin Clark's residence. It was determined that he is operating a mobile repair service and only works on his personal vehicles at his residence. Residential rates will be charged.

The council granted permission to close city hall all day on Friday, July 22.

The clerk went through the draft of the 2023 Budget. The county clerk set Glen Elder's the revenue neutral rate at 36.851. The city will need to exceed the revenue neutral rate to meet all expenses for 2023. The proposed mill levy for 2023 was kept the same as 2022, at 38.411.

The council approved the clerk to send the required notice to the county clerk by July 20, 2022. A public hearing will be held on September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm to review and discuss exceeding the revenue neutral rate and the 2023 budget.

Council Reports

Dan asked about Wes Thompson's lot on College Street. Dan will contact Wes and ask him to get his building permit application submitted.

With no other business, Landen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with five council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk