

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
August 6, 2018**

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 6, 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: Kevin & Dylan Noller, Doug Scholl, Darin Zimmer and sons, DJ & Ashley Spaulding, Ginger Thull, Eva Delay, Chad Hallack, Denise Jackson, Terry Scott, Cindy Clausen, Austen Hamilton, Brent Cunningham, Lynn Bickel, Kay Thompson, Terry & Crystal Cunningham, Dana Clausen, Brandi Duskie, Jeff Shelton, Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 2, 2018 meetings were reviewed. Barry 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 July amounting to \$63,589.39 plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve the claims. Larry seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Pioneer Cemetery

Ginger Thull presented the council with a picture of the kiosk they asked Roy Winkel to build. This kiosk will have names of all the folks buried in the Pioneer Cemetery. She mentioned they plan to put up a historical plaque, a bench, and asked for City input on the type of flag pole they should put up. A pole that bends, similar to the one at Athens, was discussed but costs \$100.00 more. Ginger said that she, Eva Delay, and Kay Thompson were present to update the council with their plans for the \$3,000.00 grant money they received. It was mentioned any leftover money will be used to make repairs to gravestones.

2019 Budget Hearing

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2019 budget. With no comments on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Larry made a motion to approve the 2019 budget as written. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Community Club Building

Denise Jackson presented the council with a bid for \$8,000.00 to build and finish the interior of old Hebrews building. She included a floor plan for the library, rentable business office space, the kitchen, and meeting room space. She asked the council if they reviewed the list of area Community Centers and their information that she provided prior to the meeting. Denise stated the building needs to be owned by the City and potential grant funds need to be run through the City as well. It was mentioned that Kusler's offer for the building was good for another month. After much discussion and with no motion to purchase the building, it was the consensus the City Council is not interested at this time in the building.

Pool Fee and Sales Tax

Doug Scholl informed the council he feels they dropped the swimming pool issue too soon. He would like to see the \$2.00 per month put on the utility bills, plus drop the family pass price to \$25.00 and charge \$1.00 or \$2.00 per swimmer without passes. He stated that he was the Mayor when the pool was built and they knew then that it would never be a money maker, but a

valuable asset to the community. He said he is proud of this community and its citizens; the pool is good for our kids.

Doug addressed the retail sales tax proposal. He said it is tough on small businesses to pay a 1% sales tax. He wants to keep businesses in town and he feels this tax wouldn't help the residents or businesses. The business owners present were asked how they feel the proposed tax would affect their business. Attorney Schroeder answered several questions on taxes. Councilwoman Tracy Anderes stated that the council is trying to look ahead and generate some revenue for the City. It was noted that the proposed tax is a 1% city-wide retail sales tax that will be used for general purpose infrastructure such as; street repairs, water tower repairs, electric line repairs, etc. Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 18#2 which authorizes the calling of a special question election in the City to impose a 1% retailers' sales tax. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with four ayes. Ken Kusler voted no.

STO & UPOC Ordinances

Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #715 adopting the 2018 Kansas Standard Traffic Ordinances. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Tracy made a motion to approve Ordinance #716 adopting the 2018 Kansas Uniform Public Offense Codes. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Code Officer, Jeff Shelton, informed the council he had several properties cleaned up last month. He suggested putting a code book in the Library and asked the council to draft an ordinance against using engine/compression brakes in town. He stated that he is now the code officer for Downs and Cawker City. He has an office in Cawker and Downs has given him vehicle magnets that identify him as the Code Officer. He asked the City of Glen Elder provide him with two bright green "Code Officer" shirts, one long sleeve and one short sleeve. He mentioned that he received a call about skunk problems in town and he will visit with the Mr. Cleveland about the matter. Barry made a motion to purchase two shirts for Jeff. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Utility Rates

A discussion on utility rates was tabled until the September 4th meeting.

City Welcome Sign

Tracy informed the council she received a bid from Belleville for the City Welcome signs, 10-foot by 7-foot limestone signs for \$14,300.00 each, without the base. Larry passed around phone pictures of the Ensign City sign and mentioned it should be cheaper to make. He will visit with Roy Winkel.

Personnel Manual

With all the updates made over the last several years, Barry made a motion to approve Resolution 18#3 adopting the official personnel rules and regulations manual as updated. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Ken made a motion to approve building permit #18-12 a new carport for Francis Schroer at 200 N. College, Lot #7. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve ATV Permits: 2018-#12 & #13 for Don Zahourek. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon asked for council permission to hire Prairie Land Electric to transfer power to a new pole at Center and Waconda Drive for \$4,880.00. He said if the city crew does the work Brady's and the radio station will be without power for several hours. He mentioned the Prairie Land crew can do the job much faster. Tracy made a motion to approve the hire of Prairie Land to do the job. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon mentioned the city crew will be working on a power pole behind Cunningham's office on Wednesday morning and a section of town will be without power for three hours.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked for permission to attend a Clerk's meeting in Hays on August 23. The council approved of the meeting.

Council Report

Ken asked why City limits do not include Brady's, the radio station, and homes east of town. Attorney Schroeder said that it is possible.

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 8:46 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk