

August 7, 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., August 7, 2023, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Lori Augustine, Dan Winkel, Landen Cleveland, Ryan Duskie, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: James Reed, Kevin Noller, Kaetlin Hyman, City Attorney Scott Wright, Devon Housh, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 3, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Landen made a motion to approve the minutes. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounted to \$108,666.78, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Ryan made a motion to approve the claims. Landen seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Report

The council reviewed the July code enforcement report. James Reed, Code Officer, mentioned the dog in one of last month's incidents has until noon tomorrow to be removed. A council member asked James to look at the tall weeds/grass along Hobart Street.

Fire Truck Grant

Devon informed the council the Fire Department received \$20,000.00 from the Dane G. Hansen Grant to purchase a new pumper truck. He said they made \$10,640.00 on the gun raffle, which brings their portion of the Equipment Reserve Fund to \$67,377.45. The grant plus the Equipment Reserve money total \$87,377.45, for the purchase of the new truck. The council discussed using the Capital Improvement Fund to pay the remaining balance for the new pumper truck. Devon mentioned they will be selling the yellow fire truck, online, as soon as a new truck is purchased and that money will be put into the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Swimming Pool

Pool Manager, Kaetlin Hyman, informed the council there were no night swims, and six private pool parties were canceled due to storms this summer. She said one family had to cancel four times due to the weather. Kaetlin mentioned having to close early due to school starting earlier than usual. She said the after-season clean-up went well. She asked permission to have water aerobics this and next week. She mentioned no guards would be on duty. After much consideration the council felt it would be a liability to allow anyone in the pool without a certified guard on duty.

Kaetlin mentioned three of her guards will return and three new guards have committed to next summer. Concessions will be done differently next year and purchased through Cash-Wa, instead of Sam's. She mentioned attendance was down this year and asked if opening later in the day would be an option. She will check into the rules and regulations about how many guards you need to have on duty per number of swimmers.

Ordinances

Landen made a motion to approve Ordinance #754 adopting the 2023 Kansas Uniform Public Offense Codes. Ryan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes. Landen

made a motion to Ordinance #755 adopting the 2023 Standard Traffic Ordinances of Kansas. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Building Permits

Landen made a motion to approve building permits: #23-16 – to build a shop & studio for Tom Ford at 220 W. Kansas, and #23-17 – adding on to both buildings for Seth Krueger at 500 W. Main. Lori seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Employee Report

Devon informed the council they have had a couple power outages due to a breaker at the substation that is not working properly. He said a couple of the regulators at the substation need inspected and repaired as well. He has contacted Solomon Transformers, asking them to come inspect and repair the regulators, and replace the breaker.

The council read the letter from the Loren Remus family concerning the memorial money to be used for a new Glenwood Cemetery sign. Devon said Roy Winkel will have the sign done this fall. The new sign will be centered between the two brick entrances of the cemetery.

Devon asked permission to remove the crosswalk sign in the middle of the street since the pool is now closed. He reported the summer help is now done and the street oiling crew should be here the week of August 21st. They will oil and sand the streets on the hill first, then around the square, and then if they have oil remaining, they will work on the streets east of College Street.

Clerk's Report

The clerk asked the council for assistance collecting an outstanding bill. Angie asked her to send the bill notice by certified mail first. If no response, then the attorney will get involved.

The clerk reminded the council, the public hearing for exceeding the revenue neutral rate and the 2024 budget will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm. She mentioned it is important to have a quorum present.

The clerk informed the council she will be out of the office on August 28-31. Linda will be covering the office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on those days.

The council again discussed Putman's sunken sidewalk. Devon said he will probe the ground around the sidewalk, then contact Ms. Putman.

There was an emergency. Council members Augustine and Cleveland left the meeting, along with Devon Housh.

Council Report

Angie asked to have the lead & copper project added to next month's agenda

With no other business, Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk