

September 6, 2022

**Glen Elder City Council Minutes
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The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m., September 6, 2022, at City Hall with Mayor Sheila Paxson presiding and council members: Dan Winkel, Barry McPeak, and Angie Behymer present. Also in attendance: Kevin Noller, Emily Benedick, Devon Housh, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the August 1, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of August amounted to \$54,068.78, plus the outstanding Sunflower Electric Power, Rolling Hills Electric, Attorney, and WorldPay bills were reviewed. Angie made a motion to approve the claims. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

2023 Revenue Neutral Rate & Budget Hearings

With a quorum present, Mayor Sheila Paxson opened the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing. There was no public comment on the city exceeding the RNR. Barry made a motion to approve Resolution #22-2 – allowing the city to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Dan seconded the motion. The clerk recorded the roll call vote, it passed with three ayes to approve Resolution #22-2. The mayor signed the roll call vote sheet and the resolution. The RNR hearing was officially closed.

Sheila opened the public hearing on the 2023 budget. There was no public comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Angie made a motion to approve the 2023 budget as written. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. The mayor and council members signed the official copies of the 2023 budget.

Mitchell County Murals

Emily Benedick presented the council with pictures of what she and a local artist felt are the best locations in town for murals. She said they have \$2,400.00 for Glen Elder's next mural. Fundraising will be needed for a large mural. The daycare mural is done and cost \$800.00. Emily mentioned large murals tend to cost just under \$5,000.00. After some discussions, it was the consensus of the council that the next mural location in Glen Elder would be the Cunningham building up by the dam. Emily will attend the October council meeting.

Code Enforcement

The council reviewed the August code enforcement report. The council is concerned about a trailer parked at an angle, a little too far into the street. The code enforcement officer will be asked to visit with the trailer owner.

City Lots

The council reviewed the draft of the contract to sell the city lots to Tom Ford. It did not have the right of first refusal or the stipulation to have a building on the lots within two years. The mayor will contact the attorney to have the contract corrected.

National Flood Insurance Program

The council reviewed the list of 30 properties that will be affected by the new floodplain maps. After a brief discussion about the liabilities of not participating in the program, Barry made a motion to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Angie seconded the motion, and the vote carried with three ayes. The clerk will start the application process.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve building permit application #22-17 removing, replacing, and enlarging an existing sidewalk and adding a new sidewalk for Debra Stalcup at 213 E. Main. Angie seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Wages

At 7:40 pm Dan made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, with the mayor and council members present. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

At 7:50 pm Mayor Paxson re-opened the regular council meeting with no decisions being made in executive session.

Angie made a motion to increase summer & intermittent outside help and the office assistant to \$10.00 per hour, effective immediately. The motion included retro-active pay for time worked from January 1st; Emma \$1.50, Rick and Garry \$.75, and Sarah \$.50 per hour worked. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

Devon Housh asked the council's permission to get a second pop machine for the fire department. He said they have made about \$430.00 in the last five months since having the machine. The council okayed the second pop machine.

Devon informed the council the fire plug (hydrant) at North Mill Street does not open. He said it will cost \$5,800.00 for a new fire hydrant and the line-stop to have it installed. Barry made a motion to approve the purchase of a new fire plug at North Mill Street. Dan seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes. Devon said the fire department opens all fire hydrants at least once a year.

Clerk's Report

The clerk asked the council to review the list of delinquent accounts turned into the Kansas State Set-off Program.

Council Reports

The council asked the clerk to start advertising for a full-time maintenance employee.

With no other business, Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion and with three council members voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger
City Clerk