

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

August 3, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., August 3, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Larry Hiserote, Chad Hallack – KDNS, Nichole McDaniel, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the July 6th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of July amounting to \$51,813.12, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric, Kriers Auto Parts, Carrico, and Catlin's bills were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Tracy seconded the motion and the motion carried with three ayes.

Public Comment

Larry Hiserote asked for an extension on his property clean-up. Chris Wagner and the council complimented him on the improvement he has already made. Larry said that he would like to remove the back porch and will need additional time for cleanup of that. Tracy made a motion to extend Hiserote's 45-day abatement period to September 30th. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner informed the council that Wes Thompson's place has been mowed. He visited with Dennis Rominger about cleaning up his old station. The council would like Mr. Rominger to attend the next council meeting. Chris said that Joe Smith's property was looking better, but Tracy Smith has done nothing to clean-up his property nor has he contacted anyone about the matter. After some discussion, the council decided to proceed with first appearance notice to be served to Tracy Smith.

Chris suggested we go down the list of items that need attention around town, possibly structures that are missing roof sections. This will be discussed next month.

Budget Hearing

Ryan opened the public hearing on the 2016 budget. With no one present to comment on the budget, the public hearing was officially closed. Barry made a motion to approve the 2016 budget as written. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Sidewalk Grant

Nichole congratulated the council on receiving the CDBG sidewalk grant. She said we still have a tight timeline and the required paperwork needs to be returned to the state by August 15th. She said we will have 18 months to use the sidewalk grant money; the grant period is from August 1, 2015 to January 31, 2017. She said that she is working on the environmentals and a fee of \$1,800.00 will need to come out of city funds to pay for them.

The council told Nichole that the city needs to repaint the water tower, an expensive project. Nichole will check into the possibility of state funding to help with the water tower project.

Thompson Development

Katie Schroeder visited with Alice Thompson and Schab-Eaton about the Thompson development. Katie informed the council of the steps required for the proposed housing development. First the council will need to approve the project, then the city would put up the

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money for the project completion. Once the project is complete the city can have the county assess repayment to the property taxes of each lot owner. Katie said the city could borrow the money for the project through a bond and that money can be paid back with interest through tax assessments. The council reviewed an email from Stuart Porter which included cost estimate of \$135,982.00 for the project. This topic will be put on the agenda next month.

Ordinances

Barry made a motion to adopt ordinance #689 amending city code chapter 7, article 3 concerning discharge and sale of fireworks. This amendment changes hours for discharge and sale of fireworks on July 1st and 2nd between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. and between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 3rd and 4th. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Tracy made a motion to approve ordinance #690 amending city code chapter 14, article 2 about stop intersections in the city. This amendment adds stop intersections at Center Street and Waconda Drive, the east entrance, and High Street and First Street, the south entrance. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Sheila made a motion to approve Ordinances #691 and #692, adopting the 2015 Standard Traffic Ordinances and Uniform Public Offense Codes for Kansas Cities. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Library Board

The council reviewed the request from the library board to allow members appointed to live outside of City limits. There was some discussion and question on why the board had seven members. The council felt library board members need to live within the city since the library is funded by tax dollars generated in the city. They asked the attorney to draft a resolution to reduce the number of library board members from seven to five.

Heinen Property

Eldon said he has nothing yet from Randy at Schwab Eaton on the Heinen property.

Building Permits

Barry made a motion to approve Gregg Snyder's building permit #15-9 amendment, correcting the dimensions of his new storage unit. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

ATV Permits

Tracy made a motion to approve the following ATV Permits: 2015#19 for Cody Fears, and 2015#20 for Eldon Behymer. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes.

Employee Report

Eldon informed the council that he had a request by a young resident to do a Boy Scout project for the city. He said the city would purchase the supplies for the project.

Eldon said that he has a bunch of old equipment he would like to sell on purple wave. Examples of things he wants to sell: old playground equipment, tool boxes, pump motors, and lots of street lights. The council gave their blessing, after the attorney checks into legalities of selling such equipment.

Eldon stated that after the first of the year he would like to purchase a new mower. He would prefer to spend more money to get a better quality mower.

Clerk's Report

The clerk encouraged the council to read the monthly Kansas Government Journal magazines. She presented the council with an updated copy of the capital improvement plan and

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the equipment reserve fund. Transfers have been made into the equipment reserve fund and she said that she would be using the money received for the old bucket truck to pay on the loan with the higher interest rate. She also mentioned the thank you note received from Beloit's 2015 Project Graduation.

Council Report

Tracy received a request for the "Welcome to Glen Elder" signs be replaced. Tracy thanked the city guys for all their help with Fun Day.

Barry mentioned that a Sons of the American Legion is starting up in town.

With no other business Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded the motion and with three 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