

Glen Elder City Council Minutes

December 7, 2015

The Glen Elder City Council met in regular session on Monday night at 7:00 p.m., December 7, 2015 at City Hall, with Mayor Ryan Duskie and council members: Sheila Paxson, Lindsey Clark, Ken Kusler, Barry McPeak, and Tracy Anderes. Also in attendance: Toni Schlaefli, Kristie Martin, Kayla Hammel, Aaron Eberle, Andy Weidenhaft, Dawn Porter, Chris Wagner, Attorney Katie Schroeder, Eldon Behymer, and Jerri Senger.

Minutes & Claims

The minutes of the November 2nd & 10th, 2015 meetings were reviewed. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes, Sheila seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

The claims on hand for the month of November amounting to \$38,379.75, plus the outstanding Mid-Kansas Electric bill were reviewed. Sheila made a motion to approve all claims. Lindsey seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Third Dog Requests

Andy Weidenhaft asked for permission to have a third dog. Tracy made a motion to approve a third dog for Andy Weidenhaft and for Alica Martin, she added if there are any problems with the dogs the council will then revisit the request. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Code Enforcement

Chris Wagner said he has a letter to be sent to Thomas Depew for cleanup of his property.

Daycare Contract

Toni Schlaefli addressed the council and said she wants to purchase the daycare building and lot from the City. She wants to change the license to allow for more kids, change the hours to accommodate more parents, develop a curriculum of more structured playing and learning, add an after school/homework assistance program for school kids, add more summer activities for all ages, use the library, swimming pool and visit the senior center. Toni said the appraised value of the building is around \$22,000.00. She then went over a list of improvements that need to be made to the building, including a new furnace, water heater, new padded carpet, among other improvements. She presented the council with four purchase options. Katie will draft a contract for sale and the council discussed the need for a special meeting later in December to get final approval on the contract.

Executive Session

At 7:35 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property with the council, mayor and attorney present for no more than ten minutes. Sheila seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 7:45 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Old Station Property

Eldon said that they have the old station about 85% cleaned out. He visited with Pat Ziegler about tearing down the building and he can do the job in one day, cheaper than the city crew can tear it down. Eldon said he quoted \$5,000.00 which would include some of the dump fees. Eldon said that Ziegler could tear the building down after the first of the year. The council discussed the landfill fees and they are estimated to be around \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the entire job. Lindsey made a motion to approve hiring Ziegler for \$5,000.00 with dump fees. Ken seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Executive Session

At 8:20 p.m. Lindsey made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for fifteen minutes, with the council, mayor and attorney present. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

At 8:35 p.m. Ryan re-opened the regular meeting, with no decisions being made in the executive session.

Wage Review

Sheila made a motion to approve the following wage increases: Eldon .55¢ to \$17.00 per hour, Devon .25¢ to \$14.00 per hour, Daniel .05¢ to \$14.00 per hour, Jerri .30¢ to \$15.50 per hour, Mary Jo \$1.00 to \$9.00 per hour, Fire Chief to \$100.00 per year, Assistant Fire Chief to \$75.00 per year, and Fire Secretary to \$80.00 per year. Barry seconded the motion and the vote carried with three ayes, Tracy and Lindsey abstained from the vote. The council noted that summer and pool wages would be discussed in the spring.

Employee Report

Eldon told the council if they want to repair the water tower in 2016 Stuart Porter at Schwab Eaton suggested we get bids out to the contractors in February and plan to do the work in September before it gets too cool. Ken made a motion to have Stuart move forward on the water tower repair project. Tracy seconded the motion and the vote carried with five ayes.

Eldon asked if he could spend about \$2,000.00 and replace the eight lanterns around the square with lighter decorations that would be cheaper to repair and replace. The council gave their blessing.

Eldon asked if he could hire a high school kid to help clean out the upstairs of the City Hall building. The council granted him permission.

Clerk Report

The Clerk informed the council about the complaint received on Mike Frost's greyhound, how it was picked up and put in our holding pen. When the owner didn't come to pick up the dog it was taken to Solomon Valley Vet. This is the second greyhound picked up in a year belonging to the Frosts. It was noted that he has not built the pen for the greyhounds that he said he would when he requested to have the extra dogs. The council decided to revoke Mike Frost's allowance to have more than two dogs. A letter will be sent to him concerning this matter and he will have to remove the extra dogs by February 1st.

The Clerk informed the council that the 3rd quarter bushel check was received from Farmway Coop for \$14,378.82. She mentioned transferring \$20,000.00 from the Light Fund to the General Fund to cover expenses. The council told the clerk to close City Hall at noon on Christmas Eve.

Council Report

Tracy thanked the guys for all the work they did on the Christmas Lights around town, and mentioned the lighting was well attended and went well. Tracy informed the council of the annual fireman's meal and the election of new officers. Garry Clark is the new fire chief, and Cody Thompson is the new assistant chief.

Barry mentioned that he visited with Cody Richards, elevator manager, about the extremely noisy train they loaded during the night hours last week.

Lindsey asked the clerk to check into other employee health insurance options to bring the premiums down.

Sheila commented on how nice the square looks.

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 9:20 p.m.

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

Jerri Senger, City Clerk