

Glenwood City Council Minutes
April 14, 2015

Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Kimberly Clark called the meeting to order with the following present: Council Members – Susan Hirschman; Craig Florian; Kay LeFever; Jessie Lundvall; and Joe Edwards; City Attorney Matt Woods, Police Chief Eric Johansen; Public Works Director Perry Cook; Library Director Jenny Ellis; City Administrator Brian Kissel; and City Clerk Angie Winqvist – Guests: Joanne Kohn; Terry Craig; Bob Wray; Jenny Ellis; Karna Loewenstein; Michelle Wright; Nancy Howlette; Marcia Forbes; Carol Dean; Tim Becker; Duane LeFever; Larry Lincoln; Ryan Sell; Lyn Mintle; Karen Lincoln and Joe Foreman with the Opinion Tribune.

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever to approve the following consent agenda:

- a. Approve agenda
- b. Approve abstract of claims #19
- c. Approve minutes of March 24, 2015
- d. Approve minutes of April 6, 2015
- e. Approve renewal of Class C Liquor License/Sunday Sales for El Portal Restaurant; pending dram shop
- f. Approve renewal of Class C Beer Permit & Sunday Sales for Gasmart USA; Inc./Eddy's 1200; pending dram shop
- g. Approve renewal of Class C Liquor License LC Commercial/Sunday Sales/Outdoor Service/Living Quarters for Gridiron Garage; pending dram shop
- h. Approve January financials
- i. Approve February financials

Roll call: Ayes: 0 Nays: 5 Motion failed.

Motion by LeFever; second by Hirschman to approve the consent agenda removing items H and I.

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Guest Ryan Sell voiced his objections and comments regarding the engineer and special assessments for Vine Street project

Karen Lincoln decided not to speak as previously requested

Committee Report:

Council member Hirschman reported for Budget & Finance held at 6:00 pm; prior to council meeting to discuss Vine St. and Railroad Ave assessments; Jan/Feb financials; budget and audit firm

Council member LeFever reported for Public Safety; held at 6:30 pm; prior to council meeting to meet with Fire Chief Butch Fidler to discuss extending the mile parameter for residency requirement from 3 to 5 miles for volunteer firefighters. This change will require a change to current Ordinance. Also discussed the use of blue lights; which requires an application process required by state law.

Motion by LeFever; second by Lundvall to direct City Attorney Woods to amend Ordinance to increase residency requirements for fire fighters from 3 to 5 miles

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Florian; second by Lundvall to reappoint Rob Radford to a 3 year term on Park Board through April 2018

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by LeFever; second by Florian to approve Lucas Brooks and Aaron Ling as new Volunteer Firefighters; both were voted as new members by the Fire Department.

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Hirschman; second by Lundvall to authorize Mayor Clark to sign the Heartland Regional Compact for Heartland 2050 with no financial obligation

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by LeFever; second by Hirschman to approve Spring Cleanup for May 8 & 9, 2015

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Motion by Florian; second by Hirschman to approve Resolution #3381; repealing Resolution #3369; Resolution of Necessity for Vine Street Paving project

Roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: LeFever Motion carried.

LeFever explained why she voted no; stating if we keep the debt service levy where it is now; we are locking in all property tax payers for a 34cent tax for the next ten years. If we include the assessments as they stand now; the debt service levy after the 15-16 budget will be lowered for all property tax payers and the GO bond can be shortened by several years for all property taxpayers. By state code we are allowed to assess up to 25% of the assessed property value based on the value of the property after improvements. We have done neither of these; as it stands now the assessments are at 12%(down from the original 14%) of the assessed value before improvements. If we were voting to lower the assessments but keeping it within the point where the debt service levy and the shortened time of the GO bond can be a benefit to all property owners; I would be in favor of that. I am on this council to represent all property owners; all Glenwood residents; not just a few at the expense of the many.

Motion by Florian; second by Lundvall to approve Resolution #3382; repealing Resolution #3371; Resolution of Necessity for Railroad Avenue Paving project

Roll call: Ayes: 4 Nays: LeFever Motion carried.

Motion by Lundvall; second by LeFever to authorize Mayor Clark to sign Proclamation for Arbor Day/Arbor Week April 19-April 25, 2015

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Departmental Reports:

Chief Johansen reported the following:

- 1) High School shop class completed shed for range; should be installed next week
- 2) Incident at range last Saturday with an off duty US Marshall; having some shrapnel come back at him
- 3) Requested to extend Officer Sewing's probation by six months; to his one year anniversary date of November 13, 2015; to allow him to attend all classes necessary for ILEA certification

Motion by Florian; second by Lundvall to extend Officer Sewing's probation to November 13, 2015 to attend all classes necessary for ILEA certification

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Library Director Jenny Ellis reported the following:

- 1) Presented Library stats
- 2) Summer reading program mostly funded with donations
- 3) Flag pole is still functioning; but needs painted
- 4) Served over 400 at the Salad luncheon

City Administrator Brian Kissel reported the following:

- 1) On behalf of Park Board; requested motion to approve Alec Forbes for summer mowing from \$7.25/hr to \$7.75/hr for 2015 season

Motion by Florian; second by LeFever to approve Alec Forbes for summer mowing from \$7.25/hr to \$7.75/hr for 2015 season

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- 2) RL Craft located leak at Library and made repairs (where the gutter meets the roof)
- 3) MidAmerican Energy advised during the Vine Street Project; they will install new LED lights and will be swapping all lights with LED as they need replaced; which could be over the next 3-10 years; unless the city wanted to have them replace all at once; however; it would then cost about \$300 per light.
- 4) Presented the signed YMCA contract to Vision Iowa; they will review contract and all other documents and meet again in May
- 5) Council Member Joe Edwards inquired about getting costs on a functional sound system; Kissel will requests bids.

Motion by Florian; second by Lundvall to go into closed session at 7:33 p.m. per Section 21.5(i) of the Iowa Code, to evaluate the professional competency of an individual who's hiring, appointment, performance, or discharge is being considered.

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Motion by Florian, second by LeFever to return to open session at 9:02 pm

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Council member Florian stated per Section 21.5(i); they had a very productive meeting and discussion on the professional performance of an individual. They found a lot of common ground and some areas of improvement. Council will compile a list of recommended improvements for the individual. No formal motions or actions at this time.

Motion by Lundvall; second by Florian to adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Attest:

Kimberly Clark, Mayor

Angie Winqvist, City Clerk