



President Norma Ahlvers with Glen Elder Lions Club Scholarship recipient Gabe Smith.



Jace Cunningham, Glen Elder Lions Club Scholarship recipient with Lions President Norma Ahlvers.

Glen Elder Lions award scholarships

The Glen Elder Lions Club has awarded two \$500 scholarships in 2025. The recipients this year are Gabe Smith and Jace Cunningham. Both are graduates of Lakeside

High School. Gabe Smith is the son of Jake Smith and Alisha Miller. Gabe plans to attend Manhattan Technical College and become a journey lineman.

Jace Cunningham is the son of Terry and Crystal Cunningham. Jace will attend Kansas Wesleyan University and major in business administration.

The Glen Elder Lions Club is pleased to award these scholarships to our local youth through funds from the Scholarship Meal held annually in March.

Trucks

tion to waive green fees for the golf program. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES. Council thanked them for coming and reviewing this new program with the council.

The fire department was present to discuss with the council about the need of replacing the current fire trucks. They explained that the motor on the water hose pump has gone out. Mayor Bader added to the discussion as he as taken a look at it. Approximate cost to repair the pump could range up to \$20,000.00 if they can even find a replacement. After much discussion on the fire department needs was to move forward with replacing both trucks. Clerk Mick reported to council that she has applied for CDBG grant for the fire department but that could take some time. Council advised them to start looking for different trucks. The department stated that they are working on doing some fund raising to help build some funds. Not only are the trucks needing updated but also their gear is becoming very dated. Chief Thornton stated they would get a list of other equipment to the city office so possibly some more grants for equipment could be looked at. All fire department members spoke of the needs and the importance of keeping the department updated. J. Wise made a motion to not repair the current truck and to apply for a CDBG grant and any other possible grants to move forward with replacing the equipment. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Fireworks were discussed with the fire department also. Chief Thornton stated that the county has stated that each department would be responsible for making the decision on the use of fireworks. The department thanked the council for helping them resolve their present issue with not having a truck and the importance of keeping an active and safe department.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report
CITY EMPLOYEES REPORT:

C. Gullion: Gullion reported that the township would like to purchase some 36x32 culverts that are stored at the tree burn site.

B. Burda was present from the township to offer that the township would pay \$750.00 per culvert. Council

asked Gullion what he thought. He stated that he would like to keep one and could sell three. S. McMillan made a motion to sell Cawker Township 3 (36x32) culverts at a price of \$750.00 each totaling \$2,250.00. This money to be placed in the Road reserve fund.

C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

Gullion reported that the city had purchased a generator for the sewer lift stations at a cost of \$6,579.00 from United Rental. A transfer switch is needed at the sewer lift station at a cost of \$705.00, also he would like to install a flush valve at 9th & Redwood to help keep the water clear. Gullion also reported that the transformer at the school needed to be upgraded and asked the council if he should bill the school. Council asked him to bring prices for the transformer for the June meeting and they would address it at that time. Gullion also stated that he had gotten the batteries for the sirens at a cost \$289.00 x6 with prior approval from the mayor.

D. Mick: Clerk Mick stated that they are starting on the 2026 budget. She also stated that Municipal Supply will be attending the Capital Improvement meeting to discuss radio read water meters. Mick reported that the pre-application for the CDBG grant (fire dept) had been submitted. A public hearing for the CDBG grant for the new fire truck will be held on May 29 at noon at the city office.

J. Biddle: Biddle reminded council about the Capital Improvement meeting on May 21 at 7:00 9:25 p.m. J. Wise made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel with City Attorney Martin and Jo Biddle. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES 9:35 p.m. J. Wise made a

motion to return to regular session. C. Suter seconded Motion carried NO ACTION J. Wise made a motion to hire Jo Biddle as the City Clerk upon the retirement of Clerk Mick. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES She will begin training for the position on October 1, 2025. Clerk Mick will retire her full-time position on December 31, 2025. Jo Biddle wage will change to \$15.00 on October 1, 2025 and the office is to start advertising for the part time billing clerk August 1, 2025

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Mick reminded the 3 council members of the upcoming filing date of June 1

2. Old water tower property was tabled for later discussion

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vendor fees for food trucks was discussed. J. Wise made a motion to require a \$25.00 yearly permit for food trucks. C. Suter seconded. Motion carried 5 AYES Council asked clerks to prepare a resolution to be approved at the June meeting.

2. Council asked Gullion about how the water meters are read. Gullion stated when there is snow or below freezing temperatures the water pits are not opened so the clerks estimate the usage. It was unfortunate that there was 2 months in a row that the water usage was estimated.

3. Discussion on the sale of fireworks in Cawker City was discussed. C. Eberle made a motion to extend the sale and firing of fireworks to July 5. C. Suter seconded Motion carried 5 AYES

4. The city was addressed on who made the decision on the closing of the streets during the K-dot project. Clerk Mick reported that the city had know say on how the project was being maintained.

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Old Business – None

David Dohe, EM, was present to update the commissioners about the NCK Regional Homeland Security Council. There is a pot of money that is allocated for projects or which 25% must be used for law enforcement. If this source of funding goes away at the federal level, then it may revert back to county funding. He just wanted to give the commissioners a heads up.

Missy McGinnis, EMS, stated that she would have a drawing and an estimate sometime this week for what it would take to get EMS into the Becker Auto Building. No decisions on the purchase of the building have been made.

Nathan Gentry requested that the commission sign the Field Day Proclamation. The Amateur Radio Field Day will be held June 28–29, 2025 at the VFW in Glasco, KS and is a public event. On motion by Tom Claussen, June 22-28, 2025 was proclaimed Amateur Radio Week in Mitchell County. Mike Riemann seconded the motion and it was carried 3-0.

Clerk's Comments – None

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Commissioner's Comments – None

Announcements – The Mental Health Task Force Meeting is tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The multi-county meeting is June 16th after the Mitchell County Board of Commissioner meeting at the Mankato Courthouse.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. on motion by Cole Eberle and seconded by Mike Riemann. The motion was carried 3-0.

Tom Claussen, Chairman

Mike Riemann, Board Member

Cole Eberle, Board Member

ATTEST: Heather A Weston, Mitchell County Clerk

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