

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
February 3, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Martin, Becky Anderson, Jodi Duncan, Kirsten Bruce, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant, Blaine Heble

ABSENT: Ed Radatz, Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Garrett Scritchfield, Jason and Miranda Drouillard Sophia Fruits, Cael Kibler, Taytum Reed, Beth Olson, Holly Lofton, Lucas Neece, Gary Shogren, Chris Lindholm, Larry Lindgren, Bill Gusenius, Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Anderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Added executive session under attorney client privilege.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor mentioned the upcoming February meetings with Wednesday, February 5, 2020 being Lindsborg Day at the Capitol. Smoky Valley eighth graders will be going to the Capitol, learning about the State government, the State Capitol and visiting Brown vs. Board of Education. Thanks to many, especially City Administrator Greg DuMars, the school district, and our State representative and senator, the LT Governor and many others.

There will be a special meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, February 5 @ 6:30pm regarding the Rural Housing District.

The Kansas League of Municipalities sponsors an "If I Were Mayor" contest every year with seventh graders. Smoky Valley seventh graders participated for the first time this year. Three representatives from the seventh-grade class, along with their teacher, Jason Drouillard, presented their essays to Council. Those students were: Cael Kibler, Sophia Fruits and Taytum Reed.

CONSENT AGENDA: Emile Gallant moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5212 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5213. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed with Councilmembers Emile Gallant, Rick Martin, Kirsten Bruce, Jodi Duncan and Mayor Anderson voting in favor of. Councilmembers Blaine Heble and Rebecca Van Der Wege abstained.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Anderson appointed the following officers for the City of Lindsborg: City Administrator Greg DuMars, City Clerk Roxie Sjogren, Director of Public Safety Michael Davis, Director of Public Works Chris Lindholm, Director of Recreation Beth Ferguson, City Attorney Bill Gusenius, Fire Chief Matt Clark, and treasurer Larry Lindgren.

Kirsten Bruce moved to appoint the listed officers. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING:

This is the final step in establishing a Rural Housing Incentive District for developers of Stockholm Estates, a 42-acre development recently annexed and platted. Specifically, the Development Plan under consideration is for Phase 1, comprising of 53 building lots on the north 1/3 of the development. The Plan includes a Development Agreement which obligates the developer to fund 100% of the infrastructure up front, in exchange for a reimbursement of incremental property tax revenue of Phase 1 improvements for up to 25 years. The reimbursement cannot exceed the initial investment and can only be used for eligible expenses as stipulated in the agreement. A public hearing has been conducted as required by State statute. If approved by Council and signed by the Mayor, then a waiting period of 30 days will ensue, allowing the other taxing authorities affected by the incentive (McPherson County and USD 400) an opportunity to protest the adoption.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the Development Plan for Stockholm Estates Phase 1 Rural Housing Incentive District and authorized the Mayor to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Trimming Bid

Each year, the Electric Department contracts a company to trim trees around the primary distribution lines. This is done to help prevent contact between tree limbs and power lines during storms as well as simply keeping the trees from growing into the lines. This program has been in place for decades and because of it, the electrical outages due to storm events has been reduced. The town has been divided into 4 zones and each year one zone is trimmed so no more than 4 years go between trimming. This year is Zone 3 which is between the west side of Main Street and the east side of Chestnut Street.

This year, three contractors were contacted, Asplundh, Salina Tree and Solida Tree Service. Solida said they were going to look at the job but did not submit a bid. Asplundh looked at the job and gave a price in an email for \$48,000. Salina Tree submitted a bid for \$20,800. Salina Tree has done the line clearing in Lindsborg for many years and has done a good job at a fair price. It is hard to get contractors into town to bid on our program and if they do, the pricing is along the line of what Asplundh quoted. The City did use a local contractor for a couple of years; however, he has not been trained or certified to do line clearing and that is a liability risk the City should not take. Salina Tree has the experience and the crews are trained and certified in line clearing safety.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the bid from Salina Tree for the Annual Tree Trimming Program at a cost of \$20,800. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fiber Extension to Wastewater Plant

In reviewing the details for the internet and phone service agreement with Ideatek approved in November, we began thinking about what kind of reliability is required at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ideatek's proposal as we followed up with them was to use existing fiber that we would have paid an additional ongoing fee to use.

Because internet service is mission-critical at the wastewater treatment plant and maintaining service at wastewater is essential to the functioning of the City, staff is recommending the installation of fiber from an interconnect at the electric substation at 1st and Union over to Wastewater. This would enable the City to own the fiber outright.

The initial bid from Ideatek was for \$12,000. As we evaluated what went into that bid, we realized that the electric department is well equipped to hang the fiber; we would contract with Ideatek to purchase the fiber and to have the terminations done at both ends for a fee of \$4,800.

The attached contract includes the internet and phone service that was approved at the November 18th meeting.

Rick Martin moved to approve the proposal with IdeaTek to provide fiber and complete installation for a cost of \$4,800. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Foyer Furniture Replacement at Sundstrom Conference Center

The Sundstrom front foyer off Main Street is the lobby that most guests enter the building through. It is used for weddings, meet & greets, come & goes, meetings and registration areas for conferences. Since this area is huge part of the big picture for people deciding to use the Sundstrom for their event, it needs to be kept up in appearance.

This space was completed in 2013.

The furniture would be purchased from Feldkamp's in Salina, this is where the upstairs foyer furniture was purchased from that has held up very well.

The purchase of the high-top tables and stools would be an asset to all events as this area would be used as another place for guests to enjoy a drink or snack while socializing with other guests.

Blaine Heble moved to purchase 8 chairs and 3 complete high-top sets (table and 4 stools) for the front foyer with a five (5) year protection insurance for \$6,405.00. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session:

Rick Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss a claim against the City pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception, K.S.A.(b)(2), for ten minutes and to include the city attorney, public safety director, and city administrator. The open meeting will resume at 7:23pm. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by voice vote.

No action was taken.

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Rick Martin and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk