

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

October 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Anderson, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Ed Radatz, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Mark Friesen, Jodi Duncan, Emile Gallant

ABSENT: Rick Martin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, Larry Lindgren, Holly Lofton, Jeff and Deb Garretson, Chief Davis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Becky Anderson followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson thanked Council for attending the Shockey meeting regarding the comprehensive plan. Representative Steven Johnson will be at Ad Hoc next Monday at 8am. The Messiah Festival will be October 18, 2020, kudos to Mark Lucas. Ad Hoc discussed Main Street; how do we breathe new life? Shop local. Mayor Anderson discussed the importance of having trust in the government and that fewer people are joining civic groups because of a distrust of institutions.

CONSENT AGENDA: Emile Gallant moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5257, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5258. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Blaine Heble moved to appoint Amie Bauer to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No 5259 – Refuse Rate Adjustment

Ordinance 5259 amends the City Fee Schedule for refuse rates. The proposed rate is to increase the fee for a single polycart from \$16.00 per month to \$18.00 per month; the fee for 2 polycarts from \$23.00 per month to \$27.00 per month; the fee for 3 polycarts from \$34.00 per month to \$40 per month; and, for 4 polycarts from \$44.00 per month to \$53.00 per month. It is estimated that for 2020, the Refuse Collection Fund will finish the year at a loss of approximately \$6,900. The shortfall will be covered with reserve funds in the Refuse Collection fund. The last refuse rate increase was in 2015. Annually the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility increases the cost of providing the service by 3.5%.

The ordinance would be effective January 1, 2021 and the increase would be reflected on the utility bills that are due March 10, 2021.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve Ordinance 5259 amending the Fee Schedule for an increase in refuse rates. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimous by roll call vote.

Clairfier # 2 Refurbishment

Clarifier #2 was constructed as part of the 1997 plant upgrade with the focus on redundancy as the plant only had one clarifier at the time. When the engineering started in 2008 for the 2010 upgrade, the clarifier was only 11 years old and only had a few minor issues at the time. No work was done to the clarifier through that upgrade. From 2010 to 2020 the submerged steel on the clarifier suffered significant corrosion and needs replacement. Although there are some things that are done to try and help reduce the corrosion to these units, they operate in a very hostile environment and metal on them suffers from that environment.

Looking at options for repairs or replacement normally involves an engineering firm and then working through contractors. While working through the process of options for refurbishing the clarifier, the plant superintendent was made aware of a company which handles all the engineering and work inhouse. This process and use of resources will save a significant amount of money. Rebuild-it Services Group (RSG) specializes in clarifier work and has all the resources within their company to do the job and in turn save their customers money.

BRB Contractors did the #1 Clarifiers in 2010 as part of the upgrade at a cost of \$205,000, they were contacted for this project and the price for them to rehab the #2 clarifier is \$234,000. That does not include any engineering that may be involved.

This project was originally budgeted for \$225,000 and was reduced because of COVID. By utilizing the services of a company like RSG, we are still able to come in under budget at the reduce budget price.

Blaine Heble moved to approve Proposal Number Q122971 from Rebuild-it Services Group for \$174,123.00 to rehab the #2 clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Swensson Street Line Bore Bids for Stockholm

To allow for connection of the water and electric lines, underground boring will need to be made under E. Swensson (Wells Fargo). Boring utilizes specialized equipment to drill into the ground and then move horizontally at a controlled depth and direction. Three bores will be required for this project, two for the waterline casement pipe and one for the electric distribution connection on the east side of the development. Butterfield Construction has worked in the City for many years and has made many bores for projects that the City has done. The bores required for the casement pipe for the waterline are some of the largest that have ever been done for the City.

The bore that will be made for the electric line to tie in the electric on the east side of the development will be along the normal size of bores made. The water casement and the electric will all be done at the same time the crew is in town.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the quote from Butterfield Construction for the boring of the water casement pipe for \$6,000 and the electric conduit pipe for \$2,640 plus tax. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Bedding Sand Bids for Stockholm Estates

Installation of the waterline at Stockholm Estates will require the waterline be bedded in granular material. It is estimated that it will require 350 tons of bedding material for the waterline on phase one. E&M Sand & Gravel can deliver the sand on site for \$9.50/ton.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the purchase of sand from E&M Sand and Gravel at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,500. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Traffic Data Collector Bids

A few weeks ago, there was a significant traffic accident that occurred at Union St. and Washington St.; an uncontrolled intersection, which resulted in one of the cars careening off the other and hitting a house. This generated multiple concerns from residents and Council members given the history of serious accidents occurring at this location. Multiple requests were made to have a traffic survey done to determine the feasibility of adding a traffic control device at this intersection.

To address the concerns of the community and Council representatives, a portable traffic data collector can be used to assist the Lindsborg Police Department in collecting and analyzing valuable traffic data to support our traffic enforcement efforts, identify free-flow traffic counts with accurate times and speeds, and to provide support for or against the need for traffic control devices. This device is portable, simple to use and durable allowing us to utilize this technology throughout the City in all types of weather as often as needed or as complaints are generated.

For the traffic data collection device, I received 5 quotes: Stalker Radar (2), RU2 Systems, MPH Industries, and Jamar LE Radar. The Stalker Traffic Data Collector came in with the lowest bid at \$2,078.00 with a 24-month warranty and extra battery. The Stalker Radar equipment also has a solar option priced at \$2,320.00, but given our needs and duration, the solar option does not seem necessary.

Ed Radatz moved to approve \$2,078.00 for the Stalker Traffic Data Collector. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-CV Approval)

Attached are contracts between the City of Lindsborg and two businesses to govern the use of CDBG-CV funds and to maintain accountability for the monies. Also attached are environmental reviews that need to be approved by Council. They reflect the requirements of the CDBG program; they do not require further research.

The CDBG-CV funds are a funding source from the federal government that was disbursed to the states. Lindsborg was awarded \$132,000 to be granted to businesses in existence on March 1st and with at least 51% low/moderate income employees. The requirements for the grants limit the pool of applicants, but we have had interest from several businesses.

As you can see from the attached contracts, Rendezvous Adventure Outfitters has been allocated \$19,000, and Hemslojd has been allocated \$50,000. Hemslojd qualified for the larger allocation as they employ more than 5 people.

Staff anticipates bringing three more such contracts at the next meeting, which will complete the entire \$132,000 grant.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the contracts with Rendezvous Adventure Outfitters and Hemslojd. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other:

Jodi Duncan asked about digital signage and why the City had a TV in the window. The response is that it is a result of the COVID emergency and a way to push information.

There have been some concerns about the serving window at China. Ad Hoc is working on suggestions for downtown.

Jodi Duncan also asked if they would be lighting up the bridge again this year. The anticipated date is November 14.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Blaine Heble, seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk