

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

November 2– 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Lindholm, Larry Lindgren, Beth Ferguson, Lucas Neece, 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:

No public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Rebecca Van Der Wege asked to amend the minutes from the last meeting adding that she had voted in favor of the mask mandate.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Remember to vote and be COVID safe.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the amended minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular council meeting, motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Rick Martin moved to approve the consent agenda, Payroll Ordinance 5263, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5264. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Blaine Heble moved to appoint Haley McGriff to the Lindsborg EMS. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Medical Services Options

At the August 17, 2020 study session, Chief Davis presented 11 options on obtaining EMS sustainability. Chief was directed to focus his attention on three options: (1) a county-wide EMS system, (2) a hybrid-system, and (3) contracting with private EMS services.

The City Administrator and Lindsborg Community Hospital Administrator met with McPherson Hospital executive staff to discuss their interest in a county-wide EMS service. The meeting went favorably but continued talks with other stakeholders and County personnel are needed to determine county-wide consensus and viability. Staff will continue following up on this option, but this is an option that will take considerable time to develop.

Options two and three can help us with EMS sustainability and has the possibility to be a short-term and long-term solution.

The hybrid-system would require hiring three full-time personnel: one Director of EMS and two full-time EMT/Paramedics. While scheduling could be modified, it is expected they would cover day shift and some evening hours. The EMS service would still rely on the use of volunteers to cover the remaining shifts. The estimated cost for this system is between \$363,000 and \$460,000. With this system, the possibility of going out-of-service is still possible.

Contracting with a private company for EMS services should alleviate our out-of-service problems and increase our level of medical services to the community. Obtaining an accurate cost for services requires us to send out an official request for proposal to solicit bids for our EMS services. However, Chief Davis obtained estimated costs for EMS services from several companies ranging from \$370,000 - \$633,000. These estimated costs do not take into consideration the possibility of leasing the City EMS building, ambulances, or other equipment. That would all be taken into consideration during the

The consensus of City Council was for Chief Davis to pursue an RFP for the contracting with a private company.

Stockholm Estates Lift Station Transformer

When the transformers were ordered for the Stockholm Estates project, the 3-phase transformer for the sewer lift station was not part of the order as the load requirements were not yet known. That data has since been received and the transformer ordered. The original transformers were ordered through Midwest Electric Transformer Service after the electric department toured both Midwest Electric and Sunbelt Solomon facilities to evaluate their remanufacturing processes, quality controls, and a price comparison. The decision was made to use Midwest Electric Transformer Service for our transformers needs.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the quote from Midwest Electric Transformer Service in the amount of \$6,110.00 for a 75 KVA three-phase transformer for the Stockholm Estates sewer lift station. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Recreation Basketball Season

Youth Basketball Season is right around the corner. IN a normal year, the recreation director would be sending out basketball registrations for K – 6th grade and Itty-Bitty Basketball (3-5-year old's) for the upcoming season this week. There would be a deadline just before Thanksgiving and teams, coaches, and practice times would be determined by the 2nd week of December. We would then meet with the teams, have a practice or two and then break for Christmas. Teams would return for practices in January and begin games with Salina YMCA starting January 16th – February 20th. Last year, 147 kids from Lindsborg participated.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, this is not a normal year and the recreation director wanted to receive Council's thoughts about the direction they felt the recreation department should be taking with youth basketball. Beginning on October 12th, USD 400 allowed the Recreation Department to use their facilities again. The school district requests we take precautions during practices and/or games. There is some concern on the number of people that we have in and out of the gyms at the same time and throughout Saturday mornings.

After reaching out to the Salina YMCA to discuss what the season might look like, it was learned that the YMCA will not be playing with any outside groups or organizations. McPherson does an early season (their registration deadline was October 23rd). By doing an early season, it conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, and makes it hard for some parents to commit to practices/games during school breaks. We also do not always have access to the schools during breaks. At this point, our season would include Lindsborg teams only.

After discussion, City Council recommended that the recreation director revisit whether there will be a basketball season after January 1, 2021.

2021 Legislative Priorities

The 2021 Legislative Priorities are attached. The following priorities are the same as 2020:

- Home Rule
- Tax Lid Repeal
- High Quality Childcare
- Tourism as an Economic Development Tool

- Internet Sales Tax Collections
- Property Valuation
- Health, Well Being and Quality of Life
- Budget Timeline

Following are the additions for 2021:

- Property Taxes
- EMS/Hospital Funding (Language addition for state funding if Medicaid Expansion is approved by the state legislature)
- Police Reform

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the 2021 City of Lindsborg Legislative Priorities. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

OTHER:

Mayor Anderson shared that the Smoky Valley High School Cross-Country team placed second at state and the volleyball team also placed second at state.

There will be a COVID-19 update online from Superintendent Glen Suppes.

Rick Martin handed out the City Administrator evaluations; he is hoping for 100% participation. Please have them returned by November 13.

Bill Gusenius said that he consulted with the general counsel for League of Kansas Municipalities, they are not requiring or recommending that you have a termination date on mask ordinances.

Ed Radatz reminded Council to be careful with what is said on social media as they are representatives of the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk