

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center  
March 1, 2021– 7:45 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Becky Anderson, Ed Radatz, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan

**ABSENT:** Emile Gallant, Rebecca Van Der Wege

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lucas Neece, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, Holly Lofton, Beth Ferguson, David Hay, Larry Lindgren, Chief Michael 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:** No amendments to the agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The mayor recognized Larry Lindgren who is retiring after 32 years of working for the City.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5283, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5284. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:** There were no appointments.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Golf Cart Lease**

The City has a 6-year lease for \$10,879.92 for 10 RXV Elite Lithium-ion battery golf carts good through May of 2025. This lease is with Kansas Golf and Turf in Wichita, Kansas.

The warranty is covered for a 5-year warranty through the battery and KG&T would cover the 6<sup>th</sup> year if any batteries would need replaced. These carts are Almond color with fold down windshield, cooler and bracket attached, USB ports, wheel covers, message holder, premium seat – high back and custom seats.

Lithium-ion batteries improve the performance and longevity of golf carts, the batteries are half the size of lead acid batteries, a fraction of the weight, and require relatively no maintenance.

These carts are energy efficient--guaranteed 30% less energy used and up to a possibility of 50%.

Mark Friesen moved to approve \$10,879.92 to Kansas Golf and Turf for the lease of 10 golf carts for the Lindsborg Municipal Golf Course. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**North Main Street Repave Bids**

The 2021 major street project is to repave the 600 thru 900 blocks of North Main Street. This project was planned for last year but was put on hold due to the economic concerns related to COVID-19 pandemic. This street is a significant corridor for residents living in the northwest part of town. This pavement is failing due to numerous extremely wide transverse cracks, several areas of alligator cracking, edge cracks and heaving. Initially, it was hoped that it would be possible to do some patchwork followed by a mill and overlay. After a complete evaluation, it became obvious that the number of pavement discrepancies and issues with the subgrade, that this would not be cost effective or long lasting.

This repave project will be done following the same plan as the work on West Lincoln Street. It will start with an eight-inch full depth milling, fine grading and compaction of the subgrade, placement, and compaction of four inches of crushed concrete aggregate base and four inches of asphalt placed in two lifts.

This project will have a few concerns because this is all residential and basically the entire west side has no alley access. The contractors are aware of this and will work to try and reduce the time residents need to utilize the side streets for parking. The largest concern will be access for residents of the Lindsborg Apartment complex. The contractors will deal with that situation and provide access to the tenants with as minimal interruptions as possible. The advantage to an asphalt project is that it can be done in relatively short period of time which limits the inconvenience to homeowners and tenants.

Bids were requested from APAC - \$208,827.40, Pearson Construction - \$213,589.50, Circle C Paving - \$239,096.95, and Hall Brothers. Three bids were returned with two bids being very close in price.

Rick Martin moved to approve the contract with APAC-Kansas for the replacement of the asphalt paving in the 600 through 900 blocks of North Main Street in the amount of \$208,827.40. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

## **Renewable Energy Credits**

The City has a purchase power agreement with the Buckeye Wind Farm. Wind energy receives renewable energy credits (RECs) which may be marketed.

- Buckeye Wind RECs are created in the NAR Registry each month and assigned a unique identification number.
- The two main options for RECs are:
  - Sell
    - current market is believed to be in the \$0.50-\$0.60 per REC range.
    - relinquish the environmental attributes (i.e., you cannot claim to be x% green if you sell the RECs)
  - Retire
    - Retain the environmental attribute.
      - Allows your community the right to make a public claim about being 'green' or to satisfy a renewable energy portfolio goal you might have.
    - Retired RECs cannot be sold or claimed at a later date.
- There are small volumetric fees assessed by the NAR when RECs are issued or retired (a few pennies per REC).
- If sold, RECs should be marketed in a timely manner.
  - i.e., there is no longer a market for most RECs from 2019 or earlier.
  - RECs can be sold forward (i.e., today you could sell all your calendar year 2020 RECs)

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency to sell the vintage 2021 renewable energy credits from the Buckeye Wind Farm for the benefit of the City of Lindsborg. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **Power Supply Update**

The wholesale power cost impacts from the arctic blast from February 12 through 17, 2021 have not been fully calculated yet. The early information is that the February monthly invoice could be 650-700% higher than the average

February wholesale electric cost. Options are being examined that could be used to spread the cost over a longer time period so that customers' utility bills are not impacted with full cost recovery in one month billing. Negotiations are underway to amend existing wholesale contracts to provide financial relief. The contracts are a 5x16 summer peaking contract and a 7x24 baseload contract. The goal is to have the negotiations completed in time to present the contracts at this meeting.

A status update was provided at the meeting.

As part of the Power Supply Update, Resolution No. 03-2021 was presented. Resolution No. 03-2021 would authorize the execution of power purchase agreements, effective as of March 8, 2021, between the City of Lindsborg and the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) relating to the purchase of electricity by the City from KMEA for sale or use by the City and making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

Jodi Duncan moved to approve Resolution No. 03-2021 authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign the agreements on behalf of the City. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**OTHER:**

Next Monday, March 8, 2021, City Council is invited to tour the Bethany Village's Assisted Living Facility at 5:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Blaine Heble and seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.