

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
Lindsborg City Hall  
June 7, 2021– 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Kirsten Bruce, Mark Friesen

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Holly Lofton, Lucas Neece, Roxie Sjogren, Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Chief Michael Davis, Beth Ferguson,

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 changes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Midsummer's Festival will be this weekend and will be primarily downtown. Thank you to all those that have served on that committee.

Sunday, June 13 will be the dedication of sculptures created and donated by Don Osborne.

June 19 will be the groundbreaking at the Sprighthouse Childcare Center. Thank you to that Board, those that assisted in the process and those that donated.

Thank you to Beth (Recreation Director), this is her busy season. The pool is open and there are lots of Recreation activities happening.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5298 and 5299, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5300. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to appoint Courtney Knapp and Shawn Shipley to the Lindsborg EMS . Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Charter Ordinance No. 25 – Appointed Officer Residency**

A request has been received to amend the residency requirement for appointed officers of the City. Currently, appointed officers for the City must live within 7 miles of the city limits of Lindsborg. The request is to change the residency requirement from 7 miles to responding within a 30-minute response time of city limits. The ordinance also adds the city administrator position which currently must reside within city limits.

Emile Gallant moved to approve Charter Ordinance No. 25 for appointed officers' residency. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Pickleball Court Proposals**

Beth Ferguson, Recreation Director, had applied for a couple of grants within McPherson County, after receiving Council permission at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, meeting. They are now completely funded and ready to start moving forward on the Repurposing of the Riverside Park Tennis Courts into Pickleball Courts. Ferguson has reached out to three companies requesting bids on the project. Bids were received from two companies, one being an asphalt company (McConnell and Associates) and the other working with Sport Courts (Sport Court KC). I received early information back from another asphalt company with interest but have not received a quote from them (Mid-American Courtworks).

Both companies quoted us on Power washing of the current courts and crack filling. This does not include taking out the current tennis posts and filling in those squares. I have included both quotes in your packets to review in more detail.

The Sport Court quote includes the same as mentioned above, with the installation of four courts, applying paint around the sport courts, installing the net system, and installing 4 benches. Quote attached.

MAC (asphalt company) has also quoted us for the 4 courts. They too would follow through the above mentioned and then provide and place in the portable nets.

After more discussion with both companies, I feel the best option at this time is to go with McConnell and Associates, four-court option. It fits in our budget, the space, and idea of what we are looking for to repurpose that current area. I believe the 4-court area would also allow us to add benches and landscaping to spruce up the area. We would be able to add some additional fencing if needed between North and South courts.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the proposal from McConnell and Associates for the 4-court option and include the Pickleball Nets and installation at the price of \$32,698.00 and the entire project not-to-exceed \$40,000 to include benches, equipment, and landscaping. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Ordinance No. 5301 – DS&O Franchise Agreement Ordinance**

The City of Lindsborg has a franchise agreement with DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative to operate in approved areas in the City of Lindsborg. The current agreement expired June 6, 2021. A franchise agreement is required for DS&O to serve any of their customers in the KCC certified territory within the city limits of Lindsborg. The renewal of a franchise agreement would allow DS&O to continue to serve their customers. The only changes in the proposed agreement from the expiring agreement are the dates. All other terms of the agreement remain the same.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve Ordinance No. 5301 granting DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative a franchise to serve their customers in the city limits of Lindsborg. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Electric Low Interest Loan Payment**

An extreme cold weather winter event hit the central United States. The scope of this event caused skyrocketing natural gas and electric prices. The City of Lindsborg experienced the cost of wholesale electric power over the normal February average of \$778,826.24. In response to this event, the Kansas Legislature established a municipal utility Low Interest Loan Program to assist municipal natural gas and electric utilities to pay the extraordinary costs of providing natural gas and electric service to its citizens. City Council approved an application for \$775,000 to the low interest loan program to help pay the wholesale electric power costs from the winter event. This loan is 2% below market, but not lower than 0.25%. The rate is recalculated January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The program allows for early repayment and requires a

dedicated revenue stream to service the debt. Currently a \$0.015 kWh power cost adjustment (PCA) is added to customers' monthly electric bills to service the debt.

At the May 17, 2021, the City's auditor presented the 2020 audit. The auditor's report showed a change in the 2020 Electric Utility Net Position of \$523,301. In 2019, the auditor's report showed a change in the Electric Utility Net Position of -\$140,909. The net change in position over the 2 years is \$482,392. Based upon this positive change in net position for the electric utility over the past 2 years, city staff is recommending that \$200,000 in unencumbered cash in the Electric Fund be used to pay down the debt owed on the Low Interest Loan with the State of Kansas.

Rick Martin moved to approve using \$200,000 of unencumbered cash in the Electric Fund to pay down the debt of the Low Interest Loan with the State of Kansas. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Lindsborg Community Hospital Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The City Administrator has been communicating with the Lindsborg Community Hospital (LCH) Administrator regarding emergency medical services, the staffing, and the financial challenges. The outcome of those discussions was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Lindsborg Community Hospital to provide financial support for increased cost of service due to the staffing agreement with the City of McPherson and McPherson EMS. Lindsborg Community Hospital will reimburse 50% of the costs incurred with the City of McPherson and McPherson EMS in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000. The length of the term of the MOU is from June 1, 2021, to August 15, 2021; or until the contract with AMR commences.

Rick Martin moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Lindsborg Community Hospital. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed with Councilmembers Rick Martin, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan, Ed Radatz, and Emile Gallant voting aye and Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege abstaining.

#### **Neighborhood Party Grant Program**

Within the strategic plan Council adopted, a goal is to welcome, include, and embrace all residents and visitors. A program identified to help achieve that goal is "Encourage neighborhoods to host block parties to create greater community and resident cohesion."

This is also a program that has been identified in our capital improvement plan as adopted last year.

The program as designed will provide \$200 to a neighborhood for food, paper goods, and other non-alcoholic party supplies. It would require two neighbors to apply together as the hosts of the party.

Rick Martin moved to approve the establishment of a neighborhood block party grant, not to exceed \$2400. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Sidewalk Café License – Farley's Bar and Grill**

Ordinance 4920 was adopted on June 1, 2015, establishing Sidewalk Cafe Licensing, which allows a restaurant to serve food and/or alcohol on the public right of way. Farley's Bar & Grill has submitted a Sidewalk Cafe License Application. Their application packet was provided to Council. If the Council approves the application, then a license to operate will be issued for the remainder of the calendar year, subject to renewal in January 2022.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the Sidewalk Café License for Farley's Bar & Grill. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by vote.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Rick Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for 15 minutes and to include the Public Works Director, Assistant City Administrator, and City Administrator. The open meeting will resume at 7:17 p.m.

No action was taken.

#### **OTHER:**

Chief Davis provided an update on the EMS contract with AMR.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Rick Martin , seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxie Sjogren  
City Clerk