

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
September 07, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Anderson, Ed Radatz, Rick Martin, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Emile Gallant

ABSENT: Rebecca Van Der Wege, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Jordan Jerkovich, Holly Lofton, Chief Davis, Chris Lindholm, Bill Gusenius, Lucas Neece, Noah Flores

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.

Resolution No. 16-2021 Revenue Neutral Rate

Rick Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 16-2021. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2022 Budget Hearing

Mayor Anderson opened the 2022 Budget Hearing at 6:31 pm. Having no public comment, Mayor Anderson closed the hearing at 6:31 pm.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No changes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson shared that one month from today is Hyllningsfest. She hopes everyone is serving on a committee or helping in some way. This year is the 60th Anniversary of Home Rule in Kansas; she then shared some history on Home Rule.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5316, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5317. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Planning and Zoning:

On Thursday, September 2, 2021, Planning and Zoning met and approved a special use permit for an in-home childcare facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Budget

Copies of the 2022 budget were provided to Councilmembers. Ed Radatz moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Safety Premium Pay

An explicitly allowed use of ARPA funds is premium pay for frontline workers covering the period of the pandemic in March 2020. As the City has contemplated the need to provide premium pay, recognizing the risks taken by public safety staff and volunteers throughout the pandemic has been a priority.

Council was provided with a proposal that would offer premium pay for Police, Fire, and EMS for the period from March 2020 through the end of July 2021. Because the EMS and Fire services were volunteers through this period, their compensation is calculated differently from the regular police hours. The proposal includes a premium of \$1.50 per hour for 15 EMS volunteers resulting in an average premium amount of \$1,469; \$2 per run for 21 volunteer firefighters, resulting in an average premium of \$126; and \$1 per hour worked for 11 police officers and staff, with an average premium pay of \$2,119. The total amount for the premium pay for all three services would be \$47,996.25.

Emile Gallant moved to approve COVID premium pay for Public Safety personnel in the amount of \$47,996.25. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 5318 – Uniform Public Offense Code

Each year, the League of Kansas Municipalities publishes the latest version of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities (UPOC) Book “designed to provide a comprehensive public offense ordinance for cities” that includes changes/updates after the 2021 legislative session.

Rick Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 5318 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for 2021. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 5319 – Standard Traffic Ordinance

Each year, the League of Kansas Municipalities publishes the latest version of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities (STO) Book addressing traffic violations that includes changes/updates after the 2021 legislative session.

Rick Martin moved to approve Ordinance No. 5319 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance Book or 2021. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Tree Planting Cost Share Program

The Tree Board would like to make a proposal to use funding from the Capital Improvement Plan tree planting line item to encourage resident to plant trees. The benefits to the community would include expansion of the diversity of the urban forest.

Kirsten Bruce moved to recommend approval of the Tree Planting Cost Share Program in an amount not to exceed \$800 in fiscal year 2021. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed with a 5-1 vote. Councilmembers Emile Gallant, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, and Mayor Anderson vote aye while Councilmember Ed Radatz voted nay.

League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates

The League of Kansas Municipalities will hold its annual business on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 11:45 am. State law provides that the governing body of each member city of the League may elect city delegates from among the city’s officers to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League. By virtue of our population (3,776), Lindsborg may have 2 voting delegates and 2 alternate voting delegates.

Greg DuMars and Becky Anderson were nominated as the voting delegates. Council unanimously approved Greg DuMars and Becky Anderson as voting delegates by voice vote.

Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust Health Insurance Program

The Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) has been working on an association-based health insurance program. Under the current health insurance rating system, covered employee groups are rated in two ways; community rated,

and experience rated. Community rated means that the employee group is rated based upon age and gender of the group. Experience rated means that the employee group is rated based upon the groups utilization (experience) of health insurance during the plan year. All employee groups of 50 and less employees are community rated. All employee groups over 50 employees are experience rated. The association-based health insurance program would create a larger covered employee base so that not only would small employers (50 and under) be experienced rated, but those employee groups of more than 50 employees would be rated on a large based than just their employee base. The larger pool of covered employees would help to stabilize rates because the experience costs would be absorbed over a larger base of covered employees.

This was not an action item; it was for informational purposes only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk