

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
September 20, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Jordan Jerkovich, 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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No changes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson commented that we are on the countdown to Hyllningsfest; please lend a hand and help your neighbors clean up. The lighting of the Christmas trees in Lindsborg is something that no one oversees, it just happens. Some say the City should do it but it is something the City has never done. Mayor Anderson asked, "How are we going to do it this year?"

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5321, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5322. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Planning and Zoning:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Main Street Repave Overage

After removal of the old asphalt on North Main Street, the crews discovered 3 areas of bad subgrade that required extra work to stabilize. These areas required the removal of a significant amount of subgrade to get down to a stable soil. Crews used the milling machine to remove 8 to 12 inches of material in three areas totaling approximately 750 sq/yds. Once the area was stabilized, crushed concrete was added, leveled, and compacted to ensure that there was a solid and stable base to place the asphalt.

The original contract was for \$208,827.40, the final invoice was for \$216,601.60 leaving a difference of \$7,774.20.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the overrun cost for crushed concrete for the North Main Street repave project to APAC in the amount of \$7,774.20. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Water Electronic Read Transmitter (ERT) Quote

Over the last several years as the City has gone through the replacement of old water meters and ERTs, it was necessary to have a large inventory on hand. The inventory is getting to the point that more meters and ERTs need to be ordered. Because of the rapid build out at Stockholm Estates, there is a need to have more meters on hand than normally required. Also, due to Covid and the worldwide supply issues associated with electronics, the supply of water meters and ERTs has been affected. Lead times on new orders can be as much as 12 weeks. While checking on availability of these items, staff found that Core & Main had 23 1" water meters on hand and they were also able to find 8 more. With the lack of supply and long lead times, the decision was made to pick up all 23 of those 1" meters and have the other 8 delivered, then bring the invoice to Council for approval. This also includes a box of 24 cables which are required to connect the meter to the ERT.

An order of ERTs needs to be placed to ensure we have them on hand as they are also facing a lead time of about 8 weeks.

Council was provided with copies of the order sheets for all the meters and cables from Core & Main. The box of 8 meters is at a higher price because they are prepackaged with the correct cable.

Council was also provided with a quote for 48 ERTs from Dutton-Lainson.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the invoices from Core & Main for \$7,665.00 for the purchase of water meters and cables. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the quote from Dutton-Lainson for \$5,249.76 for the purchase of 48 ERTs. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

America's Swedish Tennis Town

America's Swedish Tennis Town is a project centered around honoring and celebrating the history of tennis in Lindsborg. The project proposes to repurpose the tennis court at Swensson Park into a newly named "Dala Court" with Swedish-themed court paint, commemorative signage, and a new tennis-themed Dala horse.

Lindsborg and Bethany College share a tradition of tennis excellence beginning with the Bethany Tennis Association in 1889. Lindsborg Rural High School and Smoky Valley High School have produced 30 State Champions. Bethany College has produced 64 Kansas Conference Team Championships, which is the most college conference titles in any sport in the history of Kansas. The tennis court at Swensson Park is an excellent location to commemorate the tradition of tennis excellence in Lindsborg.

The project committee is not asking for funding from the City of Lindsborg. The project would be privately funded through grants and donations.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the America's Swedish Tennis Town project to move forward in Swensson Park. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

KPERS Requirement on Public Safety Premium Pay

At the September 7th meeting, City Council approved premium pay for public safety employees to be paid from the ARPA funds in the amount of \$47,996.25. The City's contribution to Kansas Public Employer's Retirement System (KPERS) for those payments is \$2,098.82 and was not included in the total amount requested.

Emile Gallant moved to approve Covid premium pay for Public Safety personnel in the amount of \$2,098.82 for KPERS match. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Sprout House Project Update

Since the spring of 2019, the City has been working with Sprout House on their new building project as a city economic development initiative. This presentation is meant to provide an update and information to Council and the community.

After the Council's decision in July to issue privately funded Industrial Revenue Bonds for the project, construction began. The building foundation was complete at the end of August, and framing has begun.

The \$3.1 million privately funded project is 90% fundraised. One tool for closing the final gap is Community Service Tax Credits. Based on an application submitted by City staff, the project was awarded \$200,000 in tax credits in July by the Department of Commerce. This is a 70%, refundable tax credit—so, for example, a donation of \$10,000 generates a \$7,000 state tax credit. *If the credit exceeds the donor's tax liability, the difference is refunded to the donor.* The other 30% (\$3,000 in our example) is considered a charitable gift on their federal taxes. Of the \$200,000 in tax credits, \$158,000 are available today.

Anyone interested in contributing to the project in this way should contact Lucas Neece at the City.

Links:

www.childcareforlindsborg.org

<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/community-programs/csp/>

No action was taken, this was just for information sharing purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rick Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate exception pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 15 minutes and to include the city administrator and the city attorney. The open meeting will resume to the Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

No action was taken.

OTHER:

An email went out to Council with an update about the City Administrator search.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Emilie Gallant and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk