

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tanner Corwin, Corey Peterson, Blaine Heble, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Clark Shultz, John Presley, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, David Hay, Chief Davis, Lucas Neece, Duane Banks, Chris Lindholm, Holly Lofton, Jordan Jerkovich, Gerry Bieker, Beth Ferguson, Paul Mahlberg, Neal Daney, Jessica Corwin, Tim Boller, Kelly DuMars, Lori Shultz, Bethany Shultz, Richard Bergstrom

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Shultz followed by the pledge of allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE: City Clerk Sjogren administered the oath of office for Mayor Clark Shultz and Councilpersons Tanner Corwin, Corey Peterson, John Presley and Blaine Heble.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: .

No amendments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shultz shared that Lindsborg has received the Kansas Association of City Management award.

Mayor Shultz shared that all Councilmembers were being provided with a copy of a letter from Julie Christie that City Administrator Greg DuMars had received regarding the trail extension.

Kansas Municipal Energy Association (KMEA) presented Greg DuMars with the Max Embry Distinguished Service Award. The recipient of the award is chosen by members of KMEA.

Mayor Shultz shared that he was honored to be a part of the Council and welcomed the other new members. He also thanked Mayor Anderson for her time and help during the transition.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5333, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5334. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments

Rick Martin moved to approve the appointment of Jerry Lovett-Sperling to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Planning and Zoning:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Digital Billboard Advertising

The CVB began running digital billboards in the KC Metro area in May 2021, utilizing funds that were raised through partnerships with the Ad Hoc Roundtable, and two area convention and visitor’s bureau offices. These billboards have seen a return with new visitors from the KC area.

Additional grant dollars were awarded by the McPherson County Community Foundation to allow billboards to run through the end of the 2021 year and additional grant dollars, in the amount of \$6,300, have been awarded by the Kansas Department of Tourism to allow billboards to run for an additional three months. Outfront has continued to offer a reduced rate to place digital billboards in the Kansas City Metro area, at a cost of \$2,100 per month.

Rick Martin moved to approve the use of \$6,300 granted by the Kansas Department of Tourism for digital billboard signage purchase from Outfront. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Agreement

A recently authorized federal program is geared specifically to assisting low-income households with their drinking and/or wastewater utility bills. The Kansas Department for Children and Families is administrating the program for Kansas residents. The Emergency Water Assistance program (EWAP), authorized by the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, requires DCF to make payments directly to the public water vendor. As a result, public water vendor partnership is vital to this program’s success.

For qualifying households in Lindsborg to receive water and wastewater assistance under the program, the City as the water and wastewater supplier, must enter into an agreement with the Kansas Department of Children and Families to be a water vendor.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the agreement between the Kansas Department of Children and Families and the City of Lindsborg for the City to be a water vendor for the Emergency Water Assistance Program. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Elmwood Cemetery Fiscal Sponsor

Tim Boller, as the representative for Elmwood Cemetery, shared that the cemetery is applying for grants through the McPherson Community Foundation and that the Foundation stated the cemetery needed a fiscal sponsor; they asked if the City of Lindsborg would be able to be that sponsor.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the City of Lindsborg as the fiscal sponsor for Elmwood Cemetery. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License Approval

The city received two applications for Cereal Malt Beverage renewals for 2022 for Casey’s General Store and Pizza Hut. All applications have been reviewed and background checks completed by KBI. The proper application fees have also been received.

Blaine Heble moved to approve Casey’s and Pizza Hut’s applications for CMB licenses for 2022. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rick Martin and seconded by Blaine Heble. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk