

**LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Lindsborg City Hall**  
**October 16, 2023–6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Clark Shultz, Corey Peterson, Andrew Smith, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant, John Presley, Kirsten Bruce

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Blaine Heble, Tanner Corwin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Marcus Petty, Chris Lindholm, Chief Davis, David Hay, Milton Collins, Jenell Hulse (Hyllningsfest Committee), Pam Ash (Lindsborg Arts Council), Ron Michael (Sandzen Gallery)

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There was no public input.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Shultz offered his thanks to the City Council, Chief Davis, the Lindsborg Police Department, EMS, and the entire City crew for their work leading up to Hyllningsfest, as well as the weekend of the festival, and everyone else who was involved in making the festival happen.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5453, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5454. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

There were no appointments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There was no public input.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EPIC Grant Match**

City staff approached the Mayor and City Council on April 3, 2023, to share that the Kansas Department of Commerce/Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission had selected Lindsborg as one of four Kansas communities to be given grant dollars (up to \$40,000) for a new program called EPIC (Engaging Placemaking in Innovative Communities). This grant required that a community project be chosen, after attending multiple evening classes and work sessions with a local focus group in attendance. This project was to elevate the arts in the community. Lindsborg initially chose to put their efforts toward ways that the arts could be incorporated in a recreation facility that would benefit the entire community. The Mayor and City Council determined that the matching dollars for this grant would come out of the City's general fund to be utilized for a site plan for this project. City Council voted 8-0 to approve an

expenditure of up to \$10,000 in matching funds to receive the EPIC program funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Due to the timeline of current City projects and the EPIC grant deadline, and in conversations with Commerce staff, City staff has determined that that the EPIC grant does not best fit the recreation center site plan project. Rather, the EPIC project that has been chosen for Lindsborg will be called *Arts on the Prairie* and will be run through the Sandzén Gallery, utilizing Sandzén staff, resources, and financial accountability and auditing. Ron Michael and his staff, with the direction of a focus group, will work to obtain the cost of hiring a variety of artists to teach on-site classes that would last from a Sunday arrival through a Friday departure, making this a nice addition of weekday overnights for lodging (and thus Transient Guest Tax revenue and other benefits to the community). Bethany College is also involved in the focus group, and they are encouraging the use of Mingenback facilities for classes—a great partnership for the program and for the college. Staff and the focus group are also exploring ways to mix class time with time in the community. The group has already begun to envision how years could look after the pilot year takes place. Classes are tentatively slated to begin in May of 2024. A class size maximum of 20 students is expected.

The Dept. of Commerce/KCAIC is now offering additional grant monies over what was initially expected, for a total of \$45,000; a 25% local match is required (\$11,250).

CVB staff recommends that the City provide 50% of the required match funds for the EPIC project with the remaining 50% of funds to come from the Sandzén Gallery (25%) and the Lindsborg Arts Council (25%). This would be a reduction in the amount previously approved, as well as a different focus. For these reasons, staff are returning to City Council for approval.

**Councilmember John Presley moved to approve a grant match for the EPIC project in the amount of \$5,625.00 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **Sewer Maintenance**

Each year as part of the normal sewer maintenance plan, a contractor will come in and clean a given amount of sewer lines in town. Typically, they come in and staff will direct them to clean known problem areas, and then they will work on other areas where staff may have had some concerns in the past. Lastly, they will clean lines to try and cover a certain area of town or clean a complete length of line from beginning to end. This program was started 26 years ago and has resulted in a drastic reduction in sewer backups. Years ago, it was not uncommon to have 12 to 15 sewer backups each year, today there are maybe one or two, and some years there have been none. This reduction can be directly attributed to the proactive approach to sewer maintenance.

There are not a lot of companies around that do this work. There have been a couple of companies in Wichita that the City has dealt with in the past. One of those companies has been in and out of that part of the business and is not responsive when quotes are requested. Mayer Specialty Services has been a very reliable company and has always provided Lindsborg with reliable service.

**Councilmember Emile Gallant moved to approve the quote from Mayer Specialty Services to clean sewers as part of the annual sewer maintenance program at a price not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **OTHER:**

Councilmember Van Der Wege commended City Administrator Kristi Northcutt and City staff for their organization and preparation for the KDOT Local Consult meeting that occurred earlier in the week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Emile Gallant, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxie Sjogren, CMC  
City Clerk