

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
January 2, 2024–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Clark Shultz, Corey Peterson, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Joshua Swanson, Tanner Corwin, John Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Chris Lindholm, Milton Collins, Noah Flores, Lauren Doak, Marcus Petty, Chief Davis

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 shared that he hoped that everyone had a wonderful new year's and that he is optimistic about the upcoming year, stating that the city had a great team of employees, City Council, and boards/commissions, giving Lindsborg much to look forward to.

Mayor Shultz reported that Bethany College announced their new interim president, Dr. Steve Eckman, from Nebraska.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5463, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5464. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Annually, the mayor (with the City Council's consent) appoints a city administrator, city treasurer, fire chief, chief of police, municipal judge, director of public safety, city clerk, city attorney, public works director, and parks and recreation director, and may appoint such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

Per Ordinance 5407, adopted by City Council on Jan. 17, 2023, these appointments shall occur at the first regular meeting of the governing body in January of each year.

The following appointments are for a one-year period:

- **City Administrator:** Kristi Northcutt
- **City Treasurer:** David Hay
- **Fire Chief:** Matt Clark
- **Chief of Police:** Michael Davis
- **Municipal Judge:** Gary Price
- **Director of Public Safety:** Michael Davis
- **City Clerk:** Roxie Sjogren

- **City Attorney:** Zachary Strella
- **Public Works Director:** Chris Lindholm
- **Parks Director:** Noah Flores
- **Recreation Director:** Lauren Doak

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve the slate of City Officer appointments as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lexipol Policy Management

At the June 2020 Council meeting, the City Council approved the Police Department’s subscription to the Lexipol Policy Management System. Moving the policy manual to Lexipol provided the Police Department with the ability to customize policies to Lindsborg’s agency, while making sure staff are up to date with federal and state specific laws. Additionally, there was an integrated training component that helps officers stay trained and aware of department policies with daily training bulletins. This brings the policies into practice through real-life, scenario-based training exercises emphasizing high-risk, low-frequency events.

Since 2020, annually in January, City Council has approved the renewal of the policy manual subscription with Lexipol. The annual subscription to the Lexipol Policy Management system is due. As part of the City’s negotiated agreement, there is a 15% discount for this year’s subscription renewal. The cost for this year’s subscription is \$5,712.34.

Councilmember Joshua Swanson moved to approve \$5,712.34 for the discounted annual subscription renewal with Lexipol for the Lindsborg Police Department’s policy management needs. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Axon In-Car Cameras

The Lindsborg Police Department’s body-worn and in-car camera warranties ended in June 2023. The City currently uses Axon cameras for body-worn cameras and Watchguard cameras in the police vehicles; the Watchguard in-car camera system is no longer covered or supported by Watchguard.

During the March 20, 2023, Council meeting, the Police Department requested to migrate the body-worn and in-car camera systems from Watchguard to Axon for improved customer service, higher quality video, and reliability of the equipment when the warranty expired. Additionally, the Axon body-worn camera system works interchangeably with the department’s tasers. But, given the cost of changing over the entire camera system at one time, staff requested to move forward with Axon body-worn cameras in 2023 with the understanding that we would budget and migrate the in-car cameras over to Axon Enterprises in 2024.

By moving to Axon in-car cameras, all the department’s recording systems (body-worn cameras, tasers, and in-car cameras) will work interchangeably with each other. All the data captured from each device will be recorded, managed, and stored in one cloud-based evidence storage system. Having one evidence management system for all video evidence will make it simpler for staff to review, manage, and provide evidence for dissemination to the court, county and city prosecutors, defense counsel, or defendants when requested.

Axon is the sole source provider for Axon equipment and products as referenced by their sole source letter; therefore, no other quotes were obtained. The quote provided by Axon Enterprises is a multi-year plan to replace in-car cameras in four vehicles starting in 2024, with the expectation of budgeting out the remaining balance over five total years.

Axon quoted \$50,000.08 over five years at an annual cost of about \$10,000 per year.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the purchase of four in-car cameras and licenses from Axon Enterprises in the amount of \$50,000.80 with an initial payment of \$10,000.80 for fiscal year 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Tanner Corwin and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember John Presley, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk