

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
April 7, 2025–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tanner Corwin

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Denny Walker, Marcus Petty, Noah Flores, David Hay, Terry Reed, Lauren Doak, Holly Lofton, Greg Peterson, Scott Bontz

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 proclamations for Fair Housing Month and Week of the Young Child for April 5-11.

April is also Volunteer Appreciation Month and National Library Week will be April 6-12. The Lindsborg Library has started construction for their expansion.

April 18 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Mayor Shultz recognized Rod, Ethan, and Matt for their work with the Electric Department.

Since the last Council meeting, Lindsborg celebrated Vaffeldagen and it was a well-attended event.

The City of Lindsborg and specifically, the Sundstrom Conference Center, hosted the Kansas League of Municipalities City Forum on April 3 with members of city staff, the mayor and Council President Peterson in attendance.

Palm Sunday weekend will have performances of Bach's the Passion According to St. Matthew and Handel's Messiah.

The search for a City Administrator is underway. Mayor Shultz stated that he would be calling on Council in smaller groups to review applications and then invite them all to the in-person interviews.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5528, Purchase Order Ordinance 5529 ,and the Axon Body Worn Cameras invoice. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation Director Lauren Doak shared an update regarding the golf course. With the approval of Council, GPS golf carts versus traditional golf carts were ordered for this year, but at an increased cost. She was able to secure 11 sponsors that contributed \$4,350 in sponsorships, which more than covered the difference. There will be a golf course season kick-off on Sunday May 4 from 5-7 p.m. for members, and Ms. Doak invited Council to participate. There are 118 memberships to date with eight people on the wait list for golf cart storage.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Peterson Water Rights Lease

Since 2016, the City of Lindsborg has been leasing approximately 150-acre feet of water rights to the Dorothy E. Peterson Trust, thus suspending the municipal use of Water Right File No. 36,001 through Dec. 31, 2026. This was done with a 10-year term permit (two, consecutive five-year terms), granted by the Kansas Division of Water Resources (KDWR), for the purpose of irrigation of 130 acres in the NW Quarter of Section 4, Township 17 South, Range 3 West in McPherson County, KS.

The landowner pays \$9,230.00 annually to the City for the water rights. The payment is reviewed annually and calculated using a formula agreed to by both parties.

The land parcel related to this term permit and water rights is being sold to a new owner, Gregory Peterson, and with that sale comes the request for the City to transfer the water rights to the new owner and to honor the original term of the permit through December 31, 2026. The City, as part of the agreement with the new owner, is also willing to extend the term permit beyond 2026 with the permission of the KDWR. Kelly Stewart, Water Commissioner for the Kansas Department of Agriculture/KDWR, has stated that subsequent term permits would be granted to the new owner, provided that a signed lease agreement is in place with the City. As stated earlier, the rate would be reviewed and re-calculated, if necessary, and any changes made when the new term permit is issued.

The land purchase is set to close on April 11, 2025, and with it, the water rights lease agreement is needed.

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve the water rights lease agreement with Gregory Peterson with terms as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Bethany College Water Contract

The City owns and operates the City of Lindsborg Municipal Water Utility, which produces an adequate supply of treated water, and such water has been approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for domestic use. The College operates and maintains a campus irrigation system and the present source of water is cost prohibitive and the quantity is not adequate. Therefore, the City provides a water transmission line from the City's existing Well No. 8 to a point that connects with the College campus irrigation system. The intent and purpose of this contract is for the City to provide a supply of non-potable water in sufficient quantities to the College campus irrigation system.

The College agrees that water received from the City shall be used for irrigation purposes only. The College further agrees that water received from the City shall not be sold or used for other purposes beyond the irrigation of college campus grounds. It is further agreed that the College will not allow unauthorized connections or customers on the College campus irrigation system.

Parties jointly acknowledge that the prior raw water contract between City and College automatically terminated in late 2024; such termination was unintentional. The terms of the prior contract shall be considered

as having been in full force and effect from the effective date of the prior contract to the effective date of this contract, if approved.

The price per 1,000 gallons of water in the 2014-2024 contract was \$1.52. Over the course of the ten years, even though stated in the contract that the rate should increase, the rate remained unchanged. Staff recommends, and Bethany College has agreed to, a rate change to \$1.72 per 1,000 gallons, which has been determined based on proportional rate increases to other retail customers in the utility during that time frame.

City Administrator Kristi Northcutt met with Bethany College Interim President Steve Eckman in March and reviewed the agreement; President Eckman has signed on behalf of the college.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Bethany College water contract as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Stryker Ambulance Lift

During the January 17, 2023, Council meeting, Chief Michael Davis requested to purchase a new ambulance chassis and remount the City's ambulance box onto it. Part of this ambulance rebuild project was the installation of a new Stryker Power-LOAD system in that ambulance (#301).

The Stryker Power-LOAD system is a revolutionary, patient-handling solution that enhances safety and efficiency for EMS professionals. By automatically lifting and lowering the stretcher, it significantly reduces the risk of back injuries and fatigue among first responders, allowing them to focus on patient care rather than heavy lifting. The system improves overall patient safety by ensuring a secure and stable transfer, minimizing the chance of accidental drops or mishandling. Additionally, the Power-LOAD system increases operational efficiency, reducing load times and improving response capabilities. Its ergonomic design and ease of use make it an essential tool for modern EMS teams, promoting both provider well-being and patient comfort.

In 2024, a Rural EMS grant application was submitted to the Patterson Family Foundation for the City to be able to purchase a Stryker Power-LOAD system for the second ambulance (#302) owned by the City. Unfortunately, the City was not selected for the grant funding in December of 2024.

In the event that grant funding was not received, staff budgeted the purchase of the Stryker lift, so that the second ambulance could be outfitted, thus reducing overuse and wear on the first system and balancing out equipment. Two quotes were received:

- Power-LOAD system from Stryker \$34,119.29
- Power-LOAD system purchased through AMR \$24,595.45

With AMR's purchasing power through the supplier, the City can acquire the second load system at a much lower cost than purchasing it outright as a government entity.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the purchase of Stryker Power-LOAD system for the City's second ambulance from AMR in the amount of \$24,595.45 plus \$1,400.00 for installation by Casey Stephenson. Seconded by Councilmember Joshua Swanson and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

OTHER:

Mayor Shultz shared that Communications Director Marcus Petty has submitted his notice and will departing on April 18 and thanked him for his time and service to the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Joshua Swanson, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roxie Sjogren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk