

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
April 21, 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, Holly Lofton, Noah Flores, Denny Walker, Milton Collins, Scott Bontz, Blake and Robyn Nichols, Scott Wolf, Elena Northcutt, Mike Adams, Brenton Anderson, Taytum Reed, Tytus Reed, Alexa Reed, Colleen Walker, Kylee Walker, Colten Walker, Dean Anderson, Maj-Britt Hawk, Liz Johnson, Alf and Maud Brorson

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Alf Brorson shared a greeting from Pastor Thomas from Sunnemo stating that the Sister City relationship is vitally important to them.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

April 23 is Administrative Professional Day. Mayor Shultz thanked Robin, Maci, Diane and Julia. Milton Collins was recognized for Community Development Week April 21-25.

Councilmember Andrew Smith's home sold, and he no longer lives in Ward 3, so he is resigning his position and tonight is his last meeting. Mayor Shultz thanked him for his service.

Since the last Council meeting, Lindsborg celebrated Chalk the Valk, Easter Egg Hunt, and the Messiah Festival. Mayor Shultz also highlighted that Lindsborg resident Sharon Bruce sang in her 61st Messiah Festival.

Mayor Shultz read a portion of a proclamation proclaiming April 25 as Arbor Day. The Tree Board will be planting a tree on Friday in celebration of Arbor Day.

Mayor Shultz read a portion of a proclamation proclaiming Thursday, May 1 as the National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Shultz recognized Alf and Maud Brorson and read a portion of a proclamation designating April 27 as Alf and Maud Brorson Day in Lindsborg.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5530 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5531. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Board and Commission Appointments:

Mayor Clark Shultz read the list of appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions:

Library Board: Renee Krinhop, Gary Hartter
Lindsborg Housing Authority: Marian Lindshield
Golf Course Advisory Board: Kendall Lynn
Recreation Advisory Board: Ryan Biegert, Sally Hefner
Planning Commission: Laurin Caine, Josh Doak, Craig Lofton, Corey Griffiths
Board of Zoning Appeals: Noel Eshelman, Terry Nation
Design Review Board: Craig Lofton
Sister City Committee: Don Anderson, Marc Anderson
Tree Board: Steve Swenson, Jayne Daily, Gary Shogren
Cemetery Board: Judy Pilewski, Nancy Bolden

Terry Reed was appointed as the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, previously having been serving as the Interim Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police. City Clerk Roxie Sjogren administered his oath.

Denny Walker was appointed as the Director of Public Works, previously having been serving as the interim Director of Public Works. City Clerk Roxie Sjogren administered his oath.

There was no objection from Council regarding the appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Countywide Housing Study

In July 2023, the City Council approved Lindsborg's participation in the countywide housing study that would be conducted by a contracted third party by the McPherson Housing Coalition. In October 2024, the study was completed; a report from the study has been provided to the Coalition with snapshots given to each individual community. Copies of those snapshots were provided to Council.

The idea behind the study is that every community in the county was included, meaning that the study was designed to be comprehensive and mutually intelligible. This allows county communities to collectively apply for grant funding (e.g., Moderate Income Housing, etc.) utilizing multi-site/multi-jurisdictional applications. This will help to address the issues related to building cost versus desired profit by developing at greater scale and improve the competitiveness of grant applications towards the goal of providing more workforce housing to the economic region.

Additionally, as a further benefit to Lindsborg, staff had planned to develop a comprehensive housing plan with long-range goals for the community (City of Lindsborg Adopted Strategic Plan 2021-2024—Built Environment/Neighborhoods & Housing and [Comprehensive Plan](#), pgs. 59-71) and the Lindsborg Housing Needs Analysis completed in February 2022); data obtained through this study will have a great impact to this plan going forward.

Next Steps: On April 30, the McPherson Housing Coalition has set up a discussion meeting with a group of representatives from each community. At this meeting, the communities will work towards steps to address the housing issues each city is facing and begin to develop plans to address those needs from potential countywide approach.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Seasonal Farmer's Market

Ordinance No. 5247 was adopted in August 2020 allowing seasonal farmers' markets to operate in City parks. As outlined in City Code:

Section 50-877:

A seasonal or farmers produce market may be permitted in any of the commercial or industrial zones provided such market conforms to all setback, sight distances and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations. Such markets shall be further subject to any city administrative regulations. Additionally, with specific permission renewed annually by City Council, such markets are allowed in City Parks if they conform to all setback, sight distances, and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations.

A group has requested the use of Swensson Park as a market setup beginning as soon as May 3, 2025. Anticipated operation of the market will be Saturday mornings through October.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the request to conduct a weekly seasonal farmers' market in Swensson Park during the 2025 season. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Mill & Overlay Street Maintenance

The 2025 major street project is to repave the 100 and 200 blocks of East Union and the 200 block of West Green Street. This project was planned due to the many issues of alligator cracking, edge cracks, and heaving. These streets have been patched many times through the years and are now to the point they need to be repaved.

This project is for a 2" asphalt milling with a 2" asphalt overlay on East Union and a full depth 6" mill and overlay on West Green Street.

The City put the project out to bid to four companies and received three quotes for this work:

- Weber: \$99,990.00
- Pearson: \$124,202.00
- APAC: \$164,216.35

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve Weber Solutions to do the mill and overlay project on East Union and West Green in the amount of \$99,990.00. Seconded by Councilmember Joshua Swenson and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

City Hall HVAC

The current rooftop heating and cooling system for City Hall needs replaced. A major repair was performed in 2021—the coils and driers were replaced with a two-year service guarantee. The overall age of the rooftop units (RTUs) is 15 years old, installed when City Hall was renovated in 2010, and this is near the life expectancy. It is in the City's best interest to replace before another major repair is needed. The second floor, especially, is experiencing unexplainable shifts from heat to cool, and is unable to maintain a steady, comfortable temperature despite multiple repair calls.

A major benefit of the replacement can be found in the cost savings due to the efficiency of the new units and the new white roof not radiating heat back into the building.

The following two quotes were received; a third quote, from Pestinger Heating & Air Conditioning, was requested but was never received so an old quote from them is attached to show the price comparison.

- C&L Heating and Cooling quoted \$37,861.00
- Comfort Heating & Air quoted \$33,772.41

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve the purchase of two rooftop HVAC units for \$33,772.41 from Comfort Heating & Air. Seconded by John Presley and passed 7-0.

Other:

Mayor Shultz reminded council of the CIP Budget on Monday, April 28 with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxie Sjogren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk