

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
June 2, 2025–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Clark Shultz, Corey Peterson, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Blaine Heble, John Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tanner Corwin, Joshua Swanson, Kirsten Bruce

OTHERS PRESENT: Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, Larry Lysell, Mija Stockman, Kathy Lysell, Lenora Lynam, Scott Bontz, Holly Lofton, Chief Terry Reed, Rod Schrage, Denny Walker, Milton Collins, David Hay, Noah Flores, Suzanna Swenson, Aubrey Wheeler

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Becky Anderson shared history of the Old Mill and its importance to Lindsborg.

Suzanna Swensson, Lindsborg Community Library librarian, shared that today, June 2, was the library's birthday. The library open on June 2, 1960, in what is the current day Ivory Thimble, Suzanna shared cookies with those present.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Shultz asked to move item #7/appointments to right after the mayor's report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shultz shared that we will be having 2 special meetings, June 4 and June 10 at 6:15pm, that will be called to order and move directly to executive session to have interviews for the city administrator position.

Mayor Shultz spent time this past week with Dr. Crawley, the new president at Bethany College.

Mayor Shultz also shared information about a recent exchange he had with visitors to Lindsborg that said they loved visiting and always felt "refreshed" after visiting here.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Shultz appointed Larry Lysell to fill the open position in Ward 3 that became vacant when Andrew Smith moved out of the ward. The appointment passed 4-0. The oath of office was administered, and Councilmember Lysell took his seat at the dais for the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2025, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5536, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5537. Motion seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Old Mill 2026 Budget

Aubrey Wheeler, executive director of the Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum presented an overview of the Mill's current structure, projects, grants, budget and partnerships as well as their 2026 budget requests for City Council to consider.

The Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum is requesting \$50,000 in funding from the City in fiscal year 2026.

Council took no action; this was a presentation only. City Council will consider this budget request as part of the City's 2026 Operating Budget preparation.

Dogwood Turbine Damage

After damage to both units at the Dogwood Power Plant, repairs have been made totaling \$20.25 million. The City of Lindsborg owns 3.23% of the plant and as such, our repair bill is \$65,976.00 KMEA has scheduled 8 settlement payments from now until April 2027. Advice received from KMEA was to make these payments out of the Transmission Congestion Fund (TCR). The City's balance in the TCR fund is \$364,716.00.

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve the payments totaling \$65,976.00 from the TCR fund to cover the cost of repairs. Seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Garfield Channel Bonding Overage

On August 1st, 2016, City Council approved issuing general obligation debt for the Garfield Drainage Improvement Project. When this project was completed in 2018, there was a balance left over that has been sitting in a Capital Project fund since. After conferring with Bret Shogren from Stifel and Garth Herrmann with Gilmore and Bell, it was recommended that the City use the money quickly on another project that the city has ready to go. After discussing the projects that staff were working on, it was decided the two best projects would be the mill and overlay for Union Street and Green Street, and then use the remaining funds towards the HVAC replacement for City Hall. These additional projects require Council to approve the following documents:

1. An ordinance designating Union and Green Streets as main trafficways,
2. A resolution authorizing bond financing for the improvements to Union and Green Streets.
3. A resolution authorizing bond financing for the HVAC improvements at City Hall.

4. A resolution supplementing the Series 2016 Bond Resolution and authorizing the street and City Hall improvements to be eligible to be financed with the remaining proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds.

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve Ordinance No. 5538 designating Union and Green Streets as main trafficways. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble. After further discussion with several questions raised, Councilmember John Presley withdrew his motion, and Councilmember Blaine Heble seconded withdrawing. No further action taken.

Cyber Security Insurance

The City of Lindsborg currently carries just \$100,000 of cyber insurance at a cost of \$917 per year. After further research and speaking with other cities, staff have found that the City's policy should be at least \$1,000,000.00. Staff have discussed this with Mike Dreier, our insurance broker, and he agreed that the City should have a \$1,000,000.00 policy. Mr. Dreier secured a quote from Evolve and Travelers insurance. Jodi Duncan with Reach Solutions, our IT company, secured a quote from Coalition.

Evolve: \$5,178 annual premium - \$1,000,000 Aggregate Limit with a \$5,000 deductible.

Travelers: \$4,998 annual premium - \$1,000,000 Aggregate Limit with a \$5,000 deductible.

Coalition: \$5,407 + Broker Fee TBD - annual premium - \$1,000,000 Aggregate Limit with a \$10,000 deductible.

Mr. Dreier did a review of the three quotes and recommended the Evolve coverage. The Evolve policy provides the City with the best coverage in his opinion for the premium and deductible that the City would pay.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the Evolve quote for Cyber Security Insurance in the amount of \$5,178.00. Seconded by Councilmember Larry Lysell and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember John Presley moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege, and passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk