

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Swanson, Larry Lysell

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, Erica Kruckenberg, Scott Bontz, Milton Collins, Lauren Doak, Denny Walker, Noah Parks, Chief Terry Reed

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

The Associated Churches of Lindsborg (T.A.C.O.L.) has a schedule for local clergy to do an invocation prior to council meetings. Pastor Woeppel was unable to join us this evening, so Mayor Shultz read the prayer that she had provided

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 Leadership Kansas had recently had a one-day meeting at the Sundstrom Conference Center and that he had received several comments from participants that they were impressed with the City. Mayor Shultz also thanked Erica Kruckenberg for her part in helping to organize the event.

Mayor Shultz reminded everyone of the upcoming Hyllningsfest event on October 17-18 and shared that the Swedish Ambassador would be attending.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025, Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, minutes from the September 15, 2025, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5556, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5557. Motion seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE/Staff REPORTS:

City Administrator Tanner Faust shared information regarding the Resolution No. 2025-16 that was passed on August 18, 2025, by the McPherson County Commission that would authorize a special question to appear on the November 14, 2025, ballot. Voters will be asked to consider a one-half percent county retailers' sales tax dedicated to "funding certain improvements to the capital equipment and facilities and general operating expenses of emergency medical services."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:**Punch Machine**

The City purchased the original Power Mole in 1995. It has been very reliable, and staff have had few issues, just mainly replacing parts as needed. In the last couple years, it has started to show its age and still works but it is to the point that just replacing parts is not going to fix it. Staff now must alter the jaws to get it to latch onto the push rod creating a safety issue. Rebuilding this machine is no longer cost effective and it is becoming too old and outdated to repair.

Staff is confident that going with the same brand will provide the City with a quality machine. Two bids were received, one from Power Mole and one from Roddie, Inc. Companies to solicit bids from are limited because only a couple of manufacturers build them. Roddie, Inc sent a quote of \$79,078.25 with a one-year warranty, Power Mole sent a quote of \$20,072.98 with a 5-year warranty.

This machine is designed to punch under streets to replace water services and install new ones, so staff do not have to tear out the street.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the purchase of a new Power Mole Punch Machine and accessories for \$20,072.98 from Power Mole Trenchless. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Downtown Tree Policy

The City of Lindsborg Downtown Tree Policy was recently reviewed with the 2002 revisions being reviewed by the tree board. During the tree board discussion, a few items were recommended and then taken back to the next Tree Board meeting to be approved. After the approval, the city administrator approved and recommended the revisions be reviewed and voted on by city council.

There is nothing being removed from the original document; the additions consist of/address the following:

- Having an approval of the correct tree to plant
- Reason for a removal
- Who prunes the downtown trees
- How they will be pruned

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve the 2025 Downtown Tree Policy as written. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed 6-0 by voice vote.

KP&F

The Lindsborg Police Department has struggled to fill open positions within the department in recent years. In 2022, a \$5,000 sign on bonus for certified officers was introduced to recruit quality applicants. Three officers were hired after the implementation of the sign on bonus. The officers hired were told that the Lindsborg Police Department would explore the option to move from KPERS to KP&F retirement. In July of 2025, two of these officers left the Lindsborg Police Department for positions with a department that had KP&F retirement. The third officer is currently in the hiring process with another department with KP&F retirement and could be leaving after Hyllningsfest.

Transitioning from KPERS to KP&F would help address the challenges in the recruitment and retention of police officers by providing a more competitive and profession-specific retirement benefit structure. KP&F is specifically structured for law enforcement and fire personnel. KP&F offers earlier retirement eligibility, a higher

benefit multiplier, and stronger survivor protections, which align more closely with the demands and risks associated with a career in policing. These enhanced benefits will make positions with the Lindsborg Police Department more attractive to potential applicants. Making this transition will allow the Lindsborg Police Department to be more competitive with surrounding agencies helping us to attract qualified recruits and retain experienced officers.

Councilmember Tanner Corwin moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2025 authorizing the transfer of retirement affiliation from KPERS to KP&F for all current and future Police Officers for the City of Lindsborg beginning in calendar year 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Van Der Wege and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 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