

**LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL**  
**Lindsborg City Hall**  
**May 26, 2026–6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Clark Shultz, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Larry Lysell, Ericka Lysell, Andrew Smith, Lysa Palmer-Augusta

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tyler Johnson, Joshua Swanson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Denny Walker, Chief Terry Reed, Milton Collins, Noah Flores, Hank Kummer, Justin Harper of Enterprise

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:**

The Smoky Valley Chamber Music Festival event happened last week all over the community and was very well done.

Mayor Shultz thanked the Cemetery Committee for all of their work getting ready for the holiday weekend.

Mayor Shultz recognized Councilmember Drew Smith on his retirement from K-State Salina.

City Administrator Tanner Faust celebrated his birthday last week.

Mayor Shultz recognized former mayor Ron Rolander who recently passed away.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the May 04, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5589, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5590. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Shultz appointed Don Boone to the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Department with no objections from Council.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no committee reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Enterprise Vehicle Lease Program**

In August 2022, the Lindsborg City Council approved transitioning to Enterprise Fleet Management to support a lifecycle vehicle replacement strategy focused on cost efficiency, safety, and reliability. Initially, 18 vehicles were identified, with plans to regularly replace certain units—such as F-150 trucks—to capture the greatest financial benefit.

Program implementation was delayed due to supply chain disruptions in 2022–2023, limiting vehicle availability. To date, 12 vehicles have been added under a leased structure, incurring interest costs. After a comprehensive review by staff, it is being recommended to paying down 6 or the 12 current leases to a \$1 balance, allowing the City to remain in the Enterprise program while significantly reducing expenses. This approach would lower management fees, eliminate interest, and is expected to generate over \$25,000 in annual savings. The other 6 vehicles are being proposed to be flipped this year. Staff proposes using Electric Reserve funds to support this strategy and has confirmed no concerns with auditors or bond counsel.

The vehicles that will be paid down to \$1 at a total of \$176,809.60 would be:

- '23 F150 – Unmarked Truck(prior referred to as Detective Truck) = \$30,870.72
- '23 F150 – Fire Command Truck = \$45,658.09
- '23 Police Interceptor – Patrol Explorer = \$22,218.60
- '23 F150 Responder – Patrol F 150 = \$23,380.00
- '23 Ford Escape – Administration = \$15,555.22
- '24 Chevy Silverado 2500HD – Wastewater = \$39,132.97

The following vehicles will be paid for in full during flip. They will each have estimated equity applied to the final price. The estimate should be lower than what is listed for each. Total estimated price is \$238,327.35:

(Unless specified beds are 5.5ft long)

- '23 Explorer – Administration: '27 Chevrolet Traverse|\$44,396.95-\$10,210.93=\$34,186.02
- '23 F150 8ft SuperCab– Parks: '26 Ford F150 6.5ft SuperCrew|\$48,164-\$5,972.86=\$42,191.14
- '23 F150 SuperCab – Water: '26 Ford F150 SuperCrew|\$48,263.00-\$8,997.58=\$39,265.42
- '23 F150 SuperCab–Rec: '26 Ford F150 SuperCrew|\$48,263.00-\$8,997.58=\$39,265.42
- '23 F150 SuperCab– PW Dir: '26 Ford F150 SuperCrew|\$48,263.00-\$8,997.58=\$39,265.42
- '23 F150 Lightning – Parks:'26 Ford F150 SuperCrew|\$48,263.00-4,109.07=\$44,153.93

The total amount that would be borrowed from the electric reserve account will be \$415,136.95. Of that amount \$89,900.00 will be paid back this year leaving a balance of \$325,236.95. Starting in 2027 annual payments will be made as followed:

- Police: \$50,735.99 over 2 yearly payments of \$25,368.00
- Fire: \$37,308.09 over 3 yearly payments of \$12,436.03
- Administration: \$11,121.89 over 2 yearly payments of \$5,560.95
- Wastewater: \$31,982.97 over 3 yearly payments of \$10,660.99
- Electric Admin: \$27,736.02 over 3 yearly payments of \$9,245.34
- Parks: \$69,161.74 over 3 yearly payments of \$23,053.91
- Recreation/Industrial Development: \$32,398.75 over 3 yearly payments of \$10,799.58
- PW Dir.(Water, Wastewater, Electric, Streets):\$32,398.75 over 3 yearly payments of \$10,799.58
- Water: \$32,398.75 over 3 yearly payments of \$10,799.58

**Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to approve:**

- A. The paydown of 6 vehicles ('23 F150 vin ending 3122, '23 F150 vin ending 0785, '23 Police Interceptor vin ending 5721, '23 F150 Responder vin ending 5721, '23 Ford Escape vin ending 1120, and '24 Chevy Silverado 2500HD vin ending 0318) to \$1 in the amount of \$176,809.60 from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- B. The flip of a 2023 Ford Explorer with vin ending in 1910 for a 2027 Chevrolet Traverse for the amount not to exceed \$34,186.02 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- C. The flip of a 2023 Ford F150 8ft SuperCab with vin ending in 3645 for a 2026 Ford F150 6.5ft SuperCrew for the amount not to exceed \$42,191.14 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- D. The flip of a 2023 Ford F150 5.5ft SuperCab with vin ending in 3189 for a 2026 Ford F150 SuperCrew for the amount not to exceed \$39,265.42 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- E. The flip of a 2023 Ford F150 5.5ft SuperCab with vin ending in 3085 for a 2026 Ford F150 SuperCrew for the amount not to exceed \$39,265.42 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- F. The flip of a 2023 Ford F150 5.5ft SuperCab with vin ending in 3400 for a 2026 Ford F150 SuperCrew for the amount not to exceed \$39,265.42 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**
- G. The flip of a 2023 Ford F150 5.5ft SuperCrew Lightning with vin ending in 2209 for a 2026 Ford F150 SuperCrew for the amount not to exceed \$39,265.42 paid from the Electric Reserve Fund.**

**The motion was seconded by Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **Greg Peterson Water Rights Addendum**

The Council is asked to consider an addendum to the water rights lease agreement with Gregory Peterson to clarify wording on the annual renewal price formula section. This agreement was signed into place on April 7th, 2025. The purpose of this agreement was to document the change of property owners associated with a parcel that leased water rights from the City of Lindsborg. The agreement states that an automatic extension of 5-years will begin on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027. It further details that the annual payment for the renewal term should be calculated using a formula subtracting the McPherson County average non-irrigated cropland rent from the McPherson County average irrigated cropland rent to determine the increase in value that this water rights agreement provides the land.

The rental averages used to determine the 2027 renewal rate are stated to be based on 2021 statistics. This appears to be a drafting error, as the original five-year extension in the 2022 agreement used the same formula and referenced 2021 statistics.

This addendum would clarify that the renewal payment terms should be calculated using the “most recent years” average cropland rents for McPherson County (2026 in this scenario). The source information is also changed from Kansas State College of Agriculture to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The source data from many of Kansas States publications come from the USDA. This addendum will clarify the water rights agreement and allow for the 5-year extension to operate as intended beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

Communication with Mr. Peterson has been on-going. The addendum has been signed by Mr. Peterson and is awaiting the decision from the City Council.

**Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved for the City Administrator to sign the water rights agreement addendum with Gregory Peterson as presented. Motion was seconded by Council President Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **Mini Excavator Purchase**

For several years we have looked at purchasing a compact or also called a mini excavator. We budgeted for the purchase this year and started getting quotes. We found out soon after that we did not budget enough for this purchase. Staff started looking at used ones and found out this was not the direction to go as most were already heavily used or priced close to what a new machine would cost, but without a warranty.

Staff found that this machine would benefit all departments in our daily needs. We have times that our backhoe is too big to fit in yards and next to buildings or trees, which can also lead to more damage to landscape. We also have times when we need the backhoe in more than one place and that can become an issue especially when we have a water leak or an underground electrical fault that needs to be dug up right away. This is machine that would be used by all departments for small and even larger projects on a regular basis.

Staff received quotes from 4 different dealers with Bobcat being the lowest bid. White Star of Wichita gave us a quote of \$66,368.00 for a 2026 Bobcat E40 R2. Ditch Witch of Park City gave us a quote of \$73,522.20 for a New 2024 Yanmar SV40 CRCL6. Kubota of Salina gave us a quote of \$74,000.00 for a 2026 KX040-5R3AP, and Foley Equipment gave us a quote on a 2026 Cat model 304-07LO for \$75,000.00.

**Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the purchase of the 2026 Bobcat E40 R2 Series Compact Excavator from White Star of Wichita for \$66,368.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **City Hall Window Replacement**

The windows at City Hall need to be replaced. Staff decided to address the windows in the poorest condition first. The windows selected for Phase 1 are the second-floor west elevation and the first-floor north side.

The second-floor windows are leaking, do not close properly, and show visible warping. The existing vinyl windows have not held up over time. These windows will be replaced from the exterior while preserving the existing trim, which may help reduce costs. A total of seven windows will be replaced in this area.

The first-floor windows have wood frames that have deteriorated over time, largely because of limited sun exposure on the north side. Removing and repairing the existing windows would cost more than replacing them. The stained glass will remain in place and will be protected by an additional pane of glass. A total of four windows will be replaced in this area.

Additional costs may be incurred for repair or replacement of existing jambs, sills, and masonry, depending on field conditions.

The following bids were received:

- **Pella Windows:** \$45,263.02 for materials and installation

- **Marvin Windows:** \$56,545.08 for materials and \$30,700 for installation, for a total of \$87,245.08
- **Pure Blend:** No updated quote submitted

The Pella proposal was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office.

**Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to purchase and installation of Pella windows in the amount of \$45,623.02 with an extended cost allowance of up to \$5,000 for any required repairs prior to installation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.**

### **Bid Selection for Mowing Abatement**

The City advertised for seasonal abatement mowing services for properties requiring nuisance abatement and code enforcement mowing throughout the 2026 mowing season. One bid was received prior to the submission deadline.

Total Turf Care of Salina, Kansas submitted the sole bid for the 2026 season at an hourly rate of \$185.00 per hour. Staff have reviewed the bid submission and determined the contractor is qualified to provide the required services for the City.

Abatement mowing services are utilized when property owners fail to comply with city nuisance and mowing ordinances after proper notice has been provided. These services assist the City in maintaining public health, safety, and neighborhood appearance standards.

**Council passed over this item asking staff to further evaluate it and to get more bids.**

### **Ordinance No. 5591-Amending C-2 Retail District Zoning Code**

The permitted use section of the zoning code defines the permissible uses within any given zoning district. Within this section, a list of uses will be permitted by-right with a separate list of uses allowed with a special use permit. Upon review of the C-2 (Retail Business District) zoning code, staff led a conversation with the Planning Commission regarding proposed amendments to the zoning code. The following ordinance outlines the results of these conversations as directed by a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission.

### **Current by-right uses being redesignated as special uses.**

1. Automobile parking lots and garages
2. Cigar and tobacco stores
3. Electric substations, telephone change and utility regulator stations
4. Funeral homes and mortuaries
5. Lumberyard
6. Rental storage units

A special use permit currently cost \$50. Following the receipt of the permit application, an advertised public hearing will be held by the Board of Zoning appeals. A determination will be made on the permit issuance by the Board of Zoning appeals.

### **Recommended removal:**

Occupancy of the first-floor residential housing unit is restricted to:

1. The owner of the building; and
2. The owner or manager of the front half commercial business.

Currently, residential use of a building may be allowed with the approval of a special use permit and with four stipulations as defined in code. The proposed amendment would eliminate the fourth restriction as written above.

**Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve Ordinance 5591, amending the retail business district zoning code as presented with the addition of a special use designation for auto sales and service.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC  
City Clerk