

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
June 1, 2026–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Johnson, Andrew Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Noah Flores, Milton Collins, Chief Terry Reed, Denny Walker, Lauren Doak, 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:

The Lindsborg pool is now open for the season. Mayor Shultz shared that he had the privilege of administering the oath of office to all the new guards as part of their training.

Mayor Shultz reported that the Lindsborg News Record has been in business for 145 years and congratulated the News Record and Cherry Road Media for their adapting with the times and staying in business.

Mayor Shultz congratulated News Record editor Scott Bontz and his wife on the recent birth of their son.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5592, Purchase Order Ordinance 5593 and Tesco Invoice. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT

Every year, staff try to decide what streets need the most attention. This year, it was decided to replace the curb and gutter on the 200-400 blocks of South Washington. The first plan was to mill and overlay the three blocks, but after looking into this further, staff decided to replace the curb and gutter first to

make it better for the mill and overlay next year. The curb and gutter on these three blocks are in very poor condition and will continue to get worse if the issue is not addressed soon.

Staff received two quotes; the first one was Vogts-Parga Construction with a bid of \$129,424.04. The second quote was from James K. Coy Construction for \$149,040.33. Staff also received an email from Pearson Construction telling us that they were declining to bid as they feel it's too small of a project for them.

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to approve the quote from Vogts-Parga Construction to remove and replace the curb and gutter in the 200-400 blocks of South Washington at the cost of \$129,424.04. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

During staff's health insurance renewal discussions with Freedom Claims Management, Inc (FCMI), it was recommended by FCMI that the City review its retiree health insurance policy to address age, medical and dental coverage as part of the retiree plan.

Staff reviewed K.S.A. 12-5040 as well as reached out on the City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers (CCMFOA) listserv to see what other cities in Kansas offer as part of their retiree health insurance plan. The additions that staff have added to the City of Lindsborg policy are consistent with what other Kansas cities that responded are offering.

Retirees and dependents currently on the plan would be grandfathered in.

Councilmember Joshua Swanson moved to approve the Retiree Health Insurance Policy with clarifying language regarding being grandfathered and to have it be included in the current employee handbook and policy manual that was adopted by Council on March 17, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

FIRE FILL STATION

The Lindsborg Fire Department uses an air compressor and fill station to fill the bottles for the Scott SCBA Air-Paks that they use for going into structure fires or outdoor fires with hazardous materials. The air compressor was replaced in June of 2017 but to save money, the fill station was not replaced. The current fill station was originally installed when the fire station was constructed in 1987 and has exceeded its expected service life.

Over the past several years, the department has continued to maintain and repair the existing system to extend its usability. During last year's budget process, replacement of the fill station had initially been included; however, the item was removed after repairs temporarily restored operation. Unfortunately, those repairs did not provide a long-term solution, and the system is again experiencing operational issues.

The air bottle fill station is a critical piece of firefighter safety equipment. The current system is not consistently filling self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles to full capacity. As a result, firefighters have reduced air supply available while operating inside fire environments and dealing with hazardous materials.

A reduced air supply limits the amount of time firefighters can safely remain on air during emergency operations and can negatively impact both firefighter safety and operational effectiveness. Reliable

SCBA equipment is essential to ensuring firefighters have adequate breathable air while working in hazardous atmospheres.

Given the age of the equipment, recurring repairs, and continued reliability concerns, replacement of the fill station is necessary to maintain safe and effective fire operations.

Councilmember Joshua Swanson moved to approve the purchase of a new air bottle fill station for the Fire Department to ensure reliable operation and continued firefighter safety. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

OTHER:

City Administrator Tanner Faust shared that there would be a study session on June 15 and that he would try and schedule a study session in July with the engineers to discuss the latest K4 grade separation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 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