

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
June 15, 2026–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirsten Bruce, Joshua Swanson

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, David Hay, Holly Lofton, Denny Walker, Noah Flores, Chief Terry Reed, Scott Bontz, Hayley Samford

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:

Mayor Shultz commented about the good discussion during the study session regarding the City's electricity and electric needs. He asked that additional questions get directed to City Administrator Tanner Faust.

Thanks were given to the City's crew regarding all of their work from the past week's storm. The mayor commented about how neighbors came out to help their neighbors.

Midsummers is this weekend and all were encouraged to participate.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta moved to approve the minutes from June 1, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5594, Purchase Order Ordinance 5595 and Retiree Health Insurance Policy. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

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

Design Review: Justin Boardman

Library Board: Erica Kruckenberg

Recreation Advisory Board: Leslie Hecker

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to approve the appointments. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell and passed 6-0 by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Director David Hay shared the County Valuation Report that was received from County Clerk Hollie Melroy.

Public Works Director Denny Walker shared information about the 2" service line break at Lincoln Street. This line affected the Lucia Restroom that had to be closed temporarily while the project was being fixed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Old Mill Project Update & Budget Request

Hayley Samford, Executive Director of the Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum, shared information on the Old Mill and Museum, their strategic plan, projects they are currently working on, some of their recent successes, their projected expenses and income for 2026 along with a budget request of \$40,000. The \$40,000 request includes an ask for \$15,000 in utility credit, \$15,000 for operating support and \$10,000 to help repair the 1918 retaining wall.

This was information sharing only; Council took no action.

Fire Truck Financing

On June 19, 2024, the City Council approved the purchase of a new fire apparatus from Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology to replace a 33-year-old unit. As part of the purchase agreement, the City has the option to pay for the chassis upon completion, resulting in a cost savings of \$11,009.

Rosenbauer has notified the City that the chassis has been received and is ready for payment. To take advantage of the savings, a payment of \$275,986.00 is due by June 19, 2026.

At the time of approval, \$100,000 from the Equipment Reserve Fund was allocated toward this purchase. Additionally, the original delivery date of August 2025 resulted in lease-purchase payments being included in the 2026 budget. However, the delivery timeline has since shifted to October 2026, meaning no lease payment will be due until 2027.

The 2026 budget includes \$68,800 for lease-purchase payments that will no longer be required this year. These budgeted funds can be reallocated toward the chassis payment, leaving a remaining balance of \$107,186.

The City has three options to consider for addressing the remaining balance:

- 1. Defer Chassis Payment**

Delay payment for the chassis and finance the full amount of the fire truck, less the \$168,800 already identified. This option would result in the loss of the \$11,009 savings.

- 2. Short-Term Financing**

Finance the remaining \$107,186 through First Bank Kansas for approximately four months until final delivery. This would incur an estimated additional interest cost of \$2,000 and would subsequently be rolled into the full financing package, increasing total interest expense.

- 3. Use Unallocated Sales Tax Funds**

Allocate \$107,186 from unallocated sales tax revenues to cover the remaining balance. Currently, \$50,000 is budgeted annually for transfer to either the Equipment Reserve Fund or the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Over the past three years, transfers have averaged \$100,000 depending on available balances. If this option is selected, it is recommended that the City forego

the year-end transfer to reserves. As these revenues are deposited directly into the General Fund, no additional fund transfer would be necessary.

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to approve paying the invoice from Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology in the amount of \$275,986.00 using option 3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

AMR Contract

The City of Lindsborg entered into an *Emergency Ambulance Services Agreement* with Medevac Mid-America, Inc., an American Medical Response (AMR) company, effective **August 1, 2021**, for a term extending through **December 31, 2026**. The agreement grants AMR the **exclusive right to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** within the Lindsborg Ambulance District, as outlined in Exhibit 1 of the contract. The agreement states:

“This Agreement shall be automatically renewed for one or more extension terms of 1 year (‘Extension Terms’), up to a maximum of 5 Extension Terms, unless Agency determines that AMR has failed to materially comply with the requirements of this Agreement...”

The City has the option to extend the agreement annually for up to **five additional one-year terms**, provided AMR has not materially breached the contract. AMR has continued to meet the operational requirements.

The contract also specifies that **any extension results in a 2% annual increase to the subsidy**:

“Any extensions will result in an annual increase of 2% to the subsidy.”

For 2026, the City’s subsidy is **\$487,093**. A 2% increase for 2027 results in an annual subsidy of:
 $\$487,093 \times 1.02 = \$496,834.86$

This amount would be paid in four equal quarterly installments, consistent with the existing payment structure.

AMR has indicated its willingness to continue providing EMS under the terms of the extension.

Council President Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve a one-year extension of the Emergency Ambulance Services Agreement with AMR for the 2027 calendar year, as allowed under Section 4.2 of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Ericka Lysell, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk