

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

July 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rick Martin, Corey Peterson, Blaine Heble, Betty Nelson, Ed Radatz, Jodi Duncan

**ABSENT:** Becky Anderson, David Higbee, Mark Friesen

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Greg DuMars, Lucas Neece, Gary Shogren, Holly Lofton, Beth Ferguson, Chief Berggren, Larry Lindgren, Chris Lindholm, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Susan Achenbach, Mike Dreier, Caden Springer, Chandler Cain

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Rick Martin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Mike Dreier shared that the Kansas Municipalities Group Safety Program offers a dividend every year if the program is profitable. The City received a check in the amount of \$12,926.46

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Corey Peterson provided an update on Bethany College and the resignation of Will Jones who has accepted the presidency of Georgetown College in his home state of Kentucky. Betty Nelson shared information regarding the upcoming July 4-6 events.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Blaine Heble moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5178 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5179. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Betty Nelson moved to appoint Chandler Cain and Caden Springer to the Lindsborg EMS. Seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Old Mill Consulting Invoice**

At the April 1, 2019, the proposal from D. Stephen Elliott for consulting services on the Old Mill was approved. The proposal was for \$750 per day, plus reimbursable expenses. Staff estimated total expenses not to exceed \$5,000. The cost is to be split with the McPherson County Commission. The invoice received for the services rendered is \$6,656.74. The expenses listed on the invoice have been verified.

Betty Nelson moved to approve the invoice from D. Stephen Elliott in the amount of \$6,656.74 for consulting services on the Old Mill Museum with half to be reimbursed by the McPherson County Commission. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously.

**Electric Vehicle Recommendation**

Included in the 2019 Electric Department Capital Improvement Plan was \$42,500 for an Electric Car.

The goal of the City's EV program is to make the ownership of an EV an attractive option for the residents of Lindsborg in order to encourage the adoption of this new technology with a view to changing the demand curve for electricity, thus driving the cost of electricity in Lindsborg down.

Assistant City Administrator Lucas Neece compared the cost, what is known about durability, range, service, and availability. The Tesla Model 3 is available at a competitive price and can be available in short order. There is some difficulty in acquiring either a Nissan Leaf or Chevy Bolt in Kansas and the service network has not been built out. The Hyundai Kona EV is impossible to get in Kansas currently. The VW eGolf has a much shorter range.

There is no other EV available for sale in Kansas that has the proven track record and appeal to the consumer that Tesla has. Additionally, Tesla will provide service to the vehicle wherever it is—rather than obligating the customer to bring the vehicle to where they can provide service, as is the case with Nissan and Chevrolet.

Attached is a table comparing the price, range, and service options for these vehicles. Because the Nissan and Chevrolet are difficult to acquire, getting a precise quote was not possible.

Blaine Heble moved to purchase a Tesla Model 3 Base with 240 miles of range for \$41,100 plus tax. Seconded by Corey Peterson. Vote passed 5-1 with Jodi Duncan, Corey Peterson, Rick Martin, Blaine Heble and Betty Nelson voting in favor. Ed Radatz voted no.

### **2019 Audit Contract**

The three-year agreement for audit services from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd. was approved in 2017. This firm has provided audit services to the City of Lindsborg the past four years. The attached Fees for Services page reflects the fees for the 2019 audit to be \$20,000—a \$500 increase from the second year of the contract.

Corey Peterson moved to accept the proposal of \$20,000 from Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, Chtd. for audit services for the 2019 fiscal year. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously.

### **Budget Amendment – Ambulance**

The EMS budget requires an amendment to cover the Ambulance Fund portion of the retirement payout of the Public Safety Director at the end of 2019. The additional personnel expense is \$12,500. This expense is offset by greater than the budget (and anticipated) Service Charges in the amount of \$40,000.

A budget amendment requires a hearing. The Notice of Budget Hearing must be published in the official newspaper at least 10 days in advance of the hearing. Based upon publication schedule, this would need to be sent to the newspaper by July 3, 2019, to have the hearing at the next regular meeting on July 15, 2019.

Betty Nelson moved to hold a Budget Hearing on an Amended 2019 Ambulance Fund Budget and to place the Amended 2019 Ambulance Fund Budget on the July 15, 2019 regular City Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously.

### **Elected Office Assumption**

The 2019 Kansas Legislature adopted Senate Bill (SB) 105 which provides the option of when newly elected City Council members may take office. Currently, under K.S.A. 25-2120, newly elected Council members are required to take office on the second Monday of January after the November general election. SB 105 provides the option of taking office no sooner than December 1, or no later than the second Monday in January, following the November general election. Following the last election (2017) there were questions as to how we can change to where there is not such a gap between the general election and the newly elected Council members taking office.

This item was for discussion and direction: If the desire is to change when the newly elected Council members take office, a time to take office must be determined. It can be no earlier than December 1, but no later than the second Monday in January. To change the date, a charter ordinance must be adopted.

A charter ordinance is chartering out of state statutes. This can be done when statutes are not applied uniformly to cities of different classes.

A charter ordinance must be adopted by a minimum of two-thirds majority. A charter ordinance is also subject to a petition for referendum. It must be published twice in the official newspaper and becomes effective 61 days after the final publication.

Council, by consensus, directed staff to draft a charter ordinance changing the days that newly elected Council persons take office to the first Monday in December after the general election.

**Executive Session:** No executive session.

**OTHER:**

Discussed potential dates for a budget meeting; scheduled for July 9 at 6pm with dinner at 5:30pm.

Roxie Sjogren will be attending the League of Kansas Municipalities KORA/KOMA workshop on Friday Aug 16 in Burlington, KS at 10am. Council was invited to attend.

The League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference is October 12-14, 2019. Council was invited to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Moved by Betty Nelson, seconded by Ed Radatz and passed. Adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxie Sjogren  
City Clerk

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