

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
October 7, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Martin, Corey Peterson, Blaine Heble, Becky Anderson, Betty Nelson, Ed Radatz, David Higbee, Jodi Duncan

ABSENT: Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Shogren, Holly Lofton, Beth Ferguson, Larry Lindgren, Chris Lindholm, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Chief Berggren, Greg DuMars

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Anderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Hyllningsfest is normally the second weekend, keep the good thoughts that with it pushed back a week, it will be warm. The McPherson County Foundation grant writing workshop is tomorrow (Tuesday, October 8, 2019). Ad Hoc discussed property cleanup, not just for downtown but throughout the community. This weekend, five Council and staff members will be attending the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference. Congratulations to Jim Prugh and his wife Diane regarding the Stone House, their new property. On Oct. 28, there will be a meeting; the County will invite all towns in the county to discuss the Old Mill Complex and Stephen Elliott's report. It was discussed at Ad Hoc that there is still a need for volunteers.

CONSENT AGENDA: Betty Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5193 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5194. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 07-19/202 S Main St; Set Condemnation Hearing

The property located at 202 S. Main has been in a state of disrepair for several years. The Chief Building Official and the City Administrator inspected the exterior of the building on September 24, 2019 and found the building to be dangerous and a threat to public safety. A report of that inspection was filed with City Council in a letter dated September 26, 2019 from the Chief Building Official.

Article IX. – Dangerous Buildings of the Lindsborg Municipal Code governs the process of dangerous buildings. The first step is the adoption of a resolution which sets a hearing date for the property owner and any lien holders to make a case of why the property should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. The hearing date, if the resolution is adopted would be November 18, 2019.

Ed Radatz moved to adopt Resolution No. 07-19 setting a hearing date of November 18, 2019 for the property located at 202 South Main Street, Lindsborg, Kansas. Seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Opioid Class Action Lawsuit

The City received notice that it is part of a national class action lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies that manufactured and distributed opioids. The U.S. District Court of Northern Ohio has placed all cities and counties as members of the plaintiff class in this lawsuit. The options are to do nothing and remain part of the plaintiff class, opt out and take no action, or opt out and the City of Lindsborg file a lawsuit against the respective pharmaceutical companies.

A scenario presented on the Class Action website gave an example that if the class action lawsuit is settled for \$1,000,000,000, then the City of Lindsborg would receive approximately \$1900 in the settlement.

No action was taken. By taking no action, the City of Lindsborg will remain a party to the class action lawsuit.

2020 Health Insurance Renewal

In 2013, the City of Lindsborg established health insurance coverage using umbrella coverage and a health reimbursement account (HRA). On December 1, 2013, the health insurance program was renewed so it would have “grandfathered” status and not be required to meet all the terms of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Switching to an HRA has allowed better health coverage cost control.

Prior to the 2019 renewal, dental coverage was self-insured. This renewal and the costs of renewal are based upon going with Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Care program. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Dental Care program provides greater benefits to employees and at a lower cost than self-insuring.

The proposed policy and coverage represent a 1.2% increase in employer cost over 2019.

The average annual increase from 2015 through 2020 has been 1.033%.

David Higbee moved to approve the umbrella health insurance and dental coverage with provider Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a \$6,500/\$13,000 deductible and for the employee contribution and the employee contribution to health insurance cost remain at the 2019 health insurance contribution levels. Seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Sewer Jet Machine

The sewer machine is used to clear blockages in the City sewer mains and to do light sewer line maintenance. When personnel are called out for a sewer back up, it is important that the sewer machine used to clear that back up is reliable. The current machine is a 1989 model and because of its 30-year age it is no longer as reliable as it needs be to perform this important function. The sewer machine is budgeted for replacement this year.

Staff has looked at a couple of units and received quotes from three different companies. These machines are very much the same in how they function and how they are set up. One of the companies, Red Equipment, does have a demo unit that they are getting rid of which will offer an \$8,000 savings. This unit comes with basically the same equipment that was specified and this machine would serve the City well. This is a like new machine and has not even had the hose in a sewer line.

David Higbee moved to approve the purchase of the John Bean Sewer Machine (demo unit) from Red Equipment for \$63,200. Seconded by Ed Radatz and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session: No executive session.

OTHER:

What was the cause of the power outage on Saturday?

From Chris Lindholm-The cause of the outage on Saturday is still unknown; Sunday's power issue was a squirrel.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by David Higbee and passed. Adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk