

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
December 16, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Martin, Becky Anderson, Ed Radatz, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Beth Ferguson, Larry Lindgren, Chris Lindholm, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Tim Berggren, Lucas Neece, Greg DuMars, Holly Lofton, Michael Davis, Cory Kahill, Erika Kahill, Marisa Davis, Cassandra Davis, Beth Olson, Bill Olson, Merle Larson, Mike Hartung, Ericka Lysell, Jeremy Alkire, Zach Nagy, Matt Clark, Justin Hansen, David Hay, Chris Venables, Susanna Swenson, Larry Van Der Wege, Margo Lysell

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emile Gallant, Ward 4, was sworn in.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mike Hartung, Ericka Lysell, Zach Nagy, and David Hay all had comments regarding the appointment of the police chief position stating that they supported hiring an internal candidate as opposed to hiring someone from outside the Police Department.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson reflected on 2019 year celebrating Lindsborg's 150-year history.

CONSENT AGENDA: Emile Gallant moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5205 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5206. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Anderson shared Michael Davis' bio.

The Citizen Interview Panel for the Police Chief/Director of Public Safety position consisted of Monte Couchman from Smoky Valley School District, Laraine Gengler from the Lindsborg Community Hospital, Captain Bruce Hyman from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Interim President Beth Mauch from Bethany College, Summer Olsen from Veridian Health, Mayor Becky Anderson and City Administrator Greg DuMars. The interview panel unanimously recommended Michael Davis.

Rick Martin moved to appoint Michael Davis as Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police. Seconded by Blaine Heble. The motion passed with Councilmembers Ed Radatz, Jodi Duncan, Blaine Heble, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Mark Friesen, and Rebecca Van Der Wege voting in favor and Emile Gallant voting against.

Michael Davis addressed the Council thanking them for this opportunity.

Kirsten Bruce moved to appoint Ed Pogue to the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Cereal Malt Beverage License

The city has received two applications for Cereal Malt Beverage renewals for 2020 from Casey's General Store and Pizza Hut. All applications have been reviewed by the Police Department and background checks completed. The proper application fees have also been received.

Mark Friesen moved to approve the applications for CMB sales for 2020 for Casey's General Store and Pizza Hut. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously.

2019 Sales Tax Transfer

As is outlined in the attached document, local sales tax is collected and then allocated to specific capital items (the .5% sales tax) to: 1) property tax relief; 2) economic development; and 3) infrastructure (the 1% sales tax). December sales tax numbers are not yet available, so an update will be given at the January 20, 2020 meeting.

Unallocated local sales tax (the .5% sales tax) is budgeted to be transferred at year-end to either the Equipment Reserve Fund or the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund.

The Sundstrom Conference Center is still operating at a deficit, so portions of the 1% local sales tax are annually allocated to cover the shortfall.

Rick Martin moved to not transfer any funds this year of the local .5% sales tax to any reserve funds, as they were used for capital purchases within the General Fund and to allow the allocation of local 1% sales tax funds sufficient to cover the 2019 Sundstrom Conference Center operating shortfall. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Cost of Living Allowance

Annually, City Council reviews a Cost of Living Allowance. Historically, the benchmark used has been the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Midwest Region. Through November 2019, the CPI is 1.9%. 2.00% is budgeted for a COLA increase.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve a 1.9% COLA effective January 1, 2020 for all regular full-time employees. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2020 Legislative Priorities

The 2020 Legislative Priorities are attached. The following priorities are the same as 2019:

- Home Rule
- Tax Lid Repeal
- Tourism as an Economic Development Tool
- Internet Sales Tax Collections
- Health, Well Being and Quality of Life

Following are the additions for 2020:

- High Quality Childcare
- Property Valuation
- Budget Timeline
- EMS/Hospital Funding

Ed Radatz moved to approve the 2020 City of Lindsborg Legislative Priorities. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Hall Access Management System

The 2019 Capital Improvement Program includes \$24,000 for an access management system for City Hall. These systems allow staff to control access to the building in a more sophisticated manner. For example, someone using the building for evening meetings could be given an electronic key card that allowed them to open the front door only during a planned window of time and gave them access only to the interior doors necessary for their planned activities. The permissions could also be revoked remotely without requiring us to rekey the building.

Bids were solicited from 7 firms on the recommendation of other cities; three firms toured City Hall and subsequently provided bids. Their bids are attached. The low bid of \$8574 was made by Gateway Wireless. I called references provided by them (City of Mulvane and Goddard School District). The references were very strong—they had a long working relationship (more than 15 years) with Gateway and had very complimentary things to say in terms of reliability and customer service.

Emile Gallant moved to approve \$8,574 for an access management system from Gateway Wireless. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed with seven in favor. Blaine Heble abstained.

City Administrator Employment Agreement

Annually, City Council reviews the performance of the City Administrator. The evaluation forms were completed by City Council and Department Heads and returned to the City Council President. The performance review was conducted with City Council and City Administrator on December 16, 2019. Based upon a positive evaluation, the attached Employment Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and the City Administrator would be effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The agreement provides an additional \$50 in deferred compensation, sets the annual salary at \$118,809.60 and outlines other terms of employment.

Rick Martin moved to approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and City Administrator Gregory DuMars. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce.

Rick Martin withdrew his motion and Kristen Bruce withdrew her second. Motion to withdraw the original motion passed unanimously.

Rick Martin moved to approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and City Administrator. amending the employment dates to January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Executive Session: No executive session.

OTHER:

Fire Insurance Proceeds: When there is a fire at a structure, 20% of the fire insurance proceeds goes to the City to hold to ensure the cleanup occurs.

Emile Gallant moved to approve a check in the amount of \$3,835.27 to RD Rasmussen regarding the fire at his property. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A letter from Dancle Miracle was read; she would not like to see the fishpond removed and replaced by an Alma Swensson statue.

There will be a preliminary plat hearing on January 7 at pm.

There is a KS Open Records Act meeting tomorrow if anyone is interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Ed Radatz, seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk