

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

July 15, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Betty Nelson, Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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:

Wednesday, July 17 is the Legislative Rural Summit with approximately 110 attending. The Kansas Women Attorneys Association will be returning to Lindsborg for their 30th anniversary conference. The Karpov Chess School is hosting chess camp this week with participants from across the country. This Friday and Saturday as well as next, is the Broadway RFD performance of Into the Woods.

CONSENT AGENDA: Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5180 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5181. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time

PLANNING & ZONING: No report at this time

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Maintenance

Each year, crews spend time on cleaning and maintenance of the sanitary sewer lines. City staff works to clean a percentage of the sewer lines with their own equipment. On deeper and larger lines, it is harder for staff to do an adequate job of cleaning. The City has utilized Mayer Specialty Services for several years to clean and inspect the sanitary sewer lines. They have the proper equipment to clean and remove debris from the lines plus the cameras to inspect and televise portions of the lines after cleaning. The options for this service are very limited and attempts to get second bids have not been successful.

Rick Martin moved not to exceed \$9,000 for the yearly cleaning and televising of sanitary sewer lines by Mayer Specialty Services as part of the annual sewer maintenance program. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Well #9 Drive

The Water Department had an alarm at Well #9 during the third week of June. After looking at it, staff discovered that it was not a simple issue they could fix. Comm-Tronix was called in to diagnose the problem. They did a field check and then had to take the drive back to the shop. There they learned that the drive had suffered a major surge event, most likely a nearby lightning strike, taking out the main power board. A new drive was ordered as well as a new step-down

transformer which was also taken out. These items were replaced on June 28 and the well is back up and running. A new surge protection system has been ordered to replace the old system which did not protect the drive. This device is custom built per application and will be installed as soon as it is ready.

This has been turned into the insurance company and we are waiting to hear whether it will be covered or not.

David Higbee moved to approve the invoice from Comm-Tronix for \$8,500 for the replacement of the VFD plus an additional \$600 for the replacement of the surge protection on Well #9 for a total amount of \$9,100. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

School Resource Officer Agreement

In 2018, USD 400 and the City of Lindsborg began discussions regarding the City providing a school resource officer (SRO). There was approval by City Council and the position was budgeted for 2019 with a formal agreement between the parties being drafted. The attached agreement outlines the responsibilities of the parties and the qualifications and responsibilities of the SRO.

Ed Radatz moved to approve the School Resource Officer agreement with USD 400. Seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously.

Charter Ordinance 22 – 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.

At the July 1, 2019 meeting, staff was directed to bring a charter ordinance which changes the date that newly elected governing body members take office to the first Monday in December after the November local general election.

A charter ordinance is chartering out of state statute; 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 subject to a petition for referendum. It must be published two times in the official newspaper and becomes effective 61 days after the final publication.

Corey Peterson moved to approve Charter Ordinance 22 which changes the term of office start date to the first Monday in December. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ambulance Budget Amendment

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 budgeted (and anticipated) Service Charges in the amount of \$40,000.

A budget amendment requires a hearing. The hearing was held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

Blaine Heble moved to adopt the Amended 2019 Ambulance Fund Budget as presented. Seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2020 Budget Discussion

A budget work session was held on July 9, 2019 to review the initial draft of the proposed 2020 Annual Budget. At the meeting the recommendation was made to increase the City Council monthly honorarium from \$50 per month to \$100 per month; and increase the mayor's monthly honorarium from \$175 per month to \$275 per month. This is reflected in a \$7000 increase in the General Administration Salaries budget line item.

The complete 2020 proposed budget is attached for review.

David Higbee moved to recommend the proposed 2020 budget be forwarded to an August 5, 2019, Budget Hearing to be held at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber. Seconded by Rick Martin. Motion passed 5-1 with Rick Martin, Jodi Duncan, Blaine Heble, Ed Radatz and David Higbee voting for and Corey Peterson voting against.

Executive Session: No executive session.

OTHER:

The Lieutenant Governor listening tour event last week went well. The Lieutenant Governor's office will be compiling a report of the listening tour. Lindsborg was stop #6 of 12.

A joint meeting will be set up for the McPherson County Commission and the Lindsborg City Council to review the Old Mill consultant report.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by David Higbee, seconded by Ed Radatz and passed. Adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk

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