

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Anderson, Rebecca VanDerWege, Rick Martin, Ed Radatz, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Mark Friesen, Emile Gallant

ABSENT: Jodi Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, Chris Lindholm, Chief Mike Davis, Bill Gusenius

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Becky Anderson followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson thanked everyone for hanging in during the Zoom meeting stating that she understands that it is a less than satisfactory way to meet and discuss the future and current status of this community. Thanks to the city staff who continued to work on behalf of the city. When we began this year, our goal was how to grow, new projects before the city, furthering the vision of the arts. We had two popular restaurants that are now closed, other shops who left town, other shop owners that have adjusted their hours. We are now dealing with COVID as well as the murder of George Floyd and all the turmoil. What do we do as the elected leaders of Lindsborg? We are about to embark on a new comprehensive plan. We will hopefully be meeting with Shockey soon and we can figure out a vision. The mayor asked council to weigh in on what they are hearing and thinking so they can plan and not be just reacting.

CONSENT AGENDA: Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5231, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5232. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PLANNING & ZONING: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Radio Quotes

In 2018, McPherson County signed a contract to implement a new County-wide radio system using regulated public safety P-25 frequency equipment. Lindsborg Public Safety made a substantial investment in radio equipment for Police, Fire and EMS in 2018. However, mobile radios were never purchased to outfit police vehicles and EMS acquired a limited number of portable radios (5) on the initial purchase.

The new radio system is set to go live near August of 2020. When this occurs, the Police Department will have no ability to communicate with County dispatch except by portable radio. The portable radio sends significantly less signal strength than a mobile radio. A mobile radio is designed to be the primary radio used by officers while on patrol as signal strength is stronger making the transmissions sound more clear and able to transmit over greater distances. A portable radio is a secondary radio primarily used when the officer is away from the police vehicle.

Our EMS staff are volunteers and are on call during their selected shifts. While on call, EMS personnel are expected to carry a pager and have a radio readily available to acknowledge the pager call out. Our EMS staff work 8-hour shifts on a 24/7 schedule. It is necessary to have multiple portable radios that can be issued to our staff for their scheduled shift alleviating the requirement to come in at off hours to check out a radio.

For the mobile radio system, quotes were received from KENWOOD, HARRIS (XG-25 and XG-75) and MOTOROLA mobile radios which are compatible with the new radio system requirements. The KENWOOD mobile radio came in with the lowest bid at \$11,923.08. The warranties for all radio systems are the same; 3 years.

Chief Davis obtained a separate quote from Motorola for 5 additional portable radio systems bringing the total compliment to 10 portable radios for EMS. No additional quotes were obtained to ensure continuity of portable radio equipment for Public Safety.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the purchase of 4 Kenwood Viking VM5000 mobile radios for police department vehicles in the amount of \$11,923.08 from KaComm. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the purchase of 5 Motorola portable radios and equipment in the amount of \$10,888.55 from Motorola Solutions for EMS. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Stockholm Estates Sewer and Street Infrastructure Bids

On May 27th, bids were opened for the construction of the first phase of infrastructure for Stockholm Estates. Those bids are for the construction of the 3068 linear feet of sanitary sewer and installation of a sewer lift station. There will be 8,747 square yards of concrete for the construction of streets, 5,579 linear feet of curb and gutter and 282 linear feet of storm water pipe and over 20,000 cubic yards of excavation and dirt work for phase one of the development. The street paving is an 8" concrete street on an earth compacted base. There is an optional bid alternate which calls for a 6" concrete street placed on an 8" aggregate base. Two companies submitted bids for the project, Smoky Hill, LLC out of Salina and Vogts Parga Construction out of Newton. Vogts Parga was the lower price with a base bid of \$1,182,048.81 and an alternate bid price of \$1,253,518.46. Smoky Hill, LLC had a base bid of \$1,486,375.10 and an alternate bid price of \$1,604,224.95.

Rick Martin moved to approve the base bid of Vogts Parga Construction in the amount of \$1,182,048.81 for Phase 1 sewer and streets for Stockholm Estates contingent upon a negotiated acceptable completion date. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- City Buildings will be closed to public access till June 15, 2020.
 - Working on safety precautions for the health of employees and visitors to public buildings
 - Installation of sneeze guards
 - Receipt of sanitation stations and thermometers (RECEIVED)
- Moratorium on utility disconnects has expired.
 - Encourage those having difficulties paying their utility bill to contact City Hall at 785.227.3355 and we can connect them with agencies able to assist them
 - TACOL
 - David J. Nutt Grant Fund through the McPherson County Community Foundation
 - Two utility billing inserts and an insert in the utility past due notices were sent encouraging those experiencing financial difficulties to contact City Hall along with two Facebook posts with the same information.
- Waiver on late fees for utility bills until May 31, 2020 has expired
- Normal utility disconnect schedule will be followed with past due customers who have not made arrangements to avoid being disconnected on June 29, 2020.

- No business travel until June 15, 2020
- Municipal Court will resume effective June 2, 2020 via Zoom Conference App.

- Recreation Activities include 14 different activities currently scheduled including art, sports, outdoor activities and plane building.
- Revenue Review: Early projections \$900,000 shortfall in 2020 and \$1,200,000 in 2021. Revised Projections: \$745,520.89 in 2020 and \$778,973.96.
- Capital Improvement Meeting Date – Set for Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Other:

There was discussion regarding swimming in the river. Chief Davis will check to see if there is signage at the river and if it is legal.

The question was asked to who the city judge is. City Administrator Greg DuMars shared that it is Judge Gary Price.

Blaine Heble moved to open the pool on Friday, June 26, 2020 subject to the Recreation Director's ability to hire adequate staff. Seconded by Emile Gallant. Motion passed 5-2 with Councilmembers Blaine Heble, Mark Friesen, Rebecca Van Der Wege, and Ed Radatz voting yes and Rick Martin and Kirsten Bruce voting no.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk