

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
September 21 – 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Larry Van Der Wege, Greg Lundstrom, Don Anderson, Greg DuMars, Chief Michael Davis, Chris Lindholm, Lucas Neece, Bill Gusenius, Roxie Sjogren, Holly Lofton, Larry Lindgren

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

Leslie Manning joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Larry Van Der Wege voiced his support for the mask mandate. He stated that no employees at Lindsborg Community Hospital have tested positive for COVID, Bethany Home has not had outbreaks among their residents, there are no cases at USD 400, and Bethany College has been able to contain theirs. He attributed this to the precautions the community has taken.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Anderson reminded everyone to register to vote and to get out and vote. If you have not completed the census, please do so as it is important to the cities, especially Lindsborg. On August 4, there were 143 COVID cases in McPherson County. As of this morning, there were 256; do your part.

Next Monday at 6:30pm, there will be a meeting with Shockey Consulting and City Council. Please complete the survey they sent.

Mayor Anderson recognized the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

**Hospital Building Debt Retirement**

On hand were both Greg Lundstrom, former hospital administrator, and Don Anderson, former mayor. Under their leadership on May 1, 2000 the hospital and the City created a public/private relationship with the City purchasing the hospital property and the voters passed a sales tax initiative. The final bond payments have been made in 2020. Larry Van Der Wege, current hospital administrator, was also present to purchase the hospital building back from the City for \$1.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5254, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5255. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:** No appointments.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fire Department Bunker Gear Quote**

The Fire Department has a set of bunker gear that is expiring, and we recently brought on two new firefighters. We need to purchase three sets of bunker gear to outfit our two new firefighters and replace a set of gear that is set to expire this year.

We have Capital Outlay funds budgeted for this fiscal year to purchase three new sets of bunker gear. The preferred vendor to purchase this gear from is Ed M. Field Equipment Co. Purchasing from this vendor allows us to ensure our firefighting gear remains consistent with that already in use by our firefighting team.

Ed Radatz moved to approve the purchase of 3 sets of bunker gear for the Fire Department from Ed M. Feld Equipment Co. in the amount of \$5,451.00. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Childcare Property Lease**

The Assistant City Administrator has been assigned the task of working with Sprout House to improve the availability of childcare in Lindsborg in order to achieve a wide array of outcomes, including the recruitment and retention of talent in our region and associated economic development. This has been identified as a goal by the Council and by Strategic Alliance.

On September 16, 2019 Council voted to have a lease prepared between the City and Sprout House for the "Tree Station" site on Wells-Fargo. Because it is located next to a church and a residential neighborhood, any future use there will be either institutional (church, school), residential, or parkland. It would not be appropriate to develop for commercial or industrial use.

The project, as discussed last year, involved a phased hand-over of the site to Sprout House. Based on feedback from Council, the entire site will be handed over at the same time.

Attached is a lease contract to provide the full 4.7 acres of the Tree Station on Wells-Fargo Road for Sprout House to develop a new childcare center on the site.

Elements of the attached lease:

- 99-year lease for a dollar.
- triple net lease (the City would have no responsibility towards the lessee).
- the stipulation that the lessee maintain their 501(c)3 status as a childcare center. If the status changes, Council would need to decide whether to take the entire property back including built improvements, or to renegotiate the lease. This provides some accountability to the community to ensure that the intentions of the Council and of donors to the childcare project will be honored.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the lease with Sprout House Learning Center. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Water Casement Line Bids for Stockholm Estates**

Part of the changes required from the KDHE review of the water line for Stockholm Estates required the waterline under Swensson / Wells Fargo be encased. This is because the waterline will be crossing near the sanitary sewer force main and there is then a possible situation for contamination if the force main were to leak. There are no options to raise or move any of the piping because of all the other utilities and the trail, the area is just very busy. The only viable option is to encase the water line and seal it off to eliminate the possibility of contamination. The quote from Municipal Supply is for the pipe and spacers used to hold up the waterline in the casement pipe and seals to seal off each end of the pipe.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the quote from Municipal Supply for \$2,999.50 for the purchase of casement pipe, spacers, and rubber seals for the Stockholm Project. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Sewer Line Maintenance**

Each year, staff works to clean some of the sewer lines in town as well as contracts to have some of the more problem areas cleaned. This aggressive approach to maintenance has reduced the number of sewer backups to an average of

only 2 to 3 per year. Backups are not completely preventable, but we have shown how normal cleaning makes a big difference.

Mayer Specialty Services has done work in Lindsborg for many years and always has done a good job. There are very few companies that provide this service, and this is the reason for only one quote. Their quote includes the cleaning of a couple of the lift stations in town as well as approximately 11,000 linear feet of sewer line.

Rick Martin moved to approve the quote from Mayer Specialty Services to clean sewers as part of the annual sewer maintenance program for a not to exceed price of \$8,500. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Resolution No. 08-20: 530 South Main Street Property Condemnation**

A resolution declaring the property commonly known as 530 South Main Street an immediate hazard and ordering the erections of barricades, or cause the property to be vacated, taken down, repaired, shored, or otherwise be made safe without delay.

Emile Gallant moved to adopt Resolution No. 08-20: Main Street Property Condemnation. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Ordinance 5256 – Mandatory Mask Ordinance**

A proposed ordinance mandating the wearing of mask or other face covering is on the agenda for consideration. This ordinance would require a person to cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering under different situations as specified in Section 2 of the ordinance along with the exemptions to wearing a mask or face covering. Section 3 of the ordinance provides for the enforcement, violations, and penalty. Non-compliance will be treated as an infraction. The ordinance would be effective through November 3, 2020.

The current mandatory mask ordinance, Ordinance 5250, will expire on October 6, 2020. This ordinance would extend the current mandatory mask ordinance to November 3, 2020

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve Ordinance No. 5256 requiring the wearing of masks or other face covering. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed with a 6-2 vote. Councilpersons, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Blaine Heble, Rick Martin, Kirsten Bruce, Ed Radatz, and Mark Friesen voting yea and Councilpersons Emile Gallant and Jodi Duncan voting nay.

#### **League of Kansas Municipalities Business Meeting Voting Delegates**

The League of Kansas Municipalities will hold its annual business meeting online on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 9:30 am. State law provides that the governing body of each member city of the League may elect city delegates from among the city's officers to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League. By virtue of our population, Lindsborg may have 2 voting delegates and 2 alternate voting delegates.

Rick Martin nominated Ed Radatz and Greg DuMars as the voting delegates and Lucas Neece and Blaine Heble as the alternate delegates. Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to recommend Ed Radatz and Greg DuMars as the voting delegates and Lucas Neece and Blaine Heble as the alternate delegates to the League of Kansas Municipalities business meeting on Friday, October 16, 2020. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Other:**

City Administrator Greg DuMars brought up Leslie Manning's discussion at the last Council meeting regarding their product called "Column" and publishing legals for the City looking for direction from Council. Council said to continue with the city website as the official publication website for posting ordinances and using the Lindsborg News Record for summaries and other information about the ordinances.

Update on EMS

Chief Davis continues to reach out regarding all three EMS options shared with Council at the previous study session. There are eight students in the EMS class that will be completed in December.

Two of the EMS staff that have taken most of the shifts will no longer be available; one has taken a full-time job and the other was injured and will be out for a couple of months.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Kirsten Bruce, seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxie Sjogren  
City Clerk