

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
February 22, 2021– 7:45 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lucas Neece, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, Holly Lofton, Beth Ferguson, David Hay.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Becky Anderson followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** No public input

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Add resolution 02-2021 Local Emergency Declaration. Copies of the resolution were distributed to those in attendance.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Anderson shared that as of today, we have reached 500,000 deaths because of COVID-19 in the United States and asked that we remember our local families grieving the COVID-related deaths of their loved ones.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5281, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5282. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Rick Martin moved to approve David Hay as the treasurer for the City of Lindsborg. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recreation Registration and Management Software**

The Recreation Department would like to implement online registration and reservation software for their department. In 2014, an online software was approved, however in 2018 it was removed due to complexity, lack of use, and a lack of alignment with the services provided by our Recreation Department.

With the rise in technology usage and COVID-19 challenges, the Recreation Department believes that it is important to adopt a new online registration platform. The Recreation Department has reached out to other small communities in Kansas to see what they use for online registrations. Many have stated that they have incorporated them and are very happy with the number of users that have participated. Online registrations platforms allow for basic sport and program registration and payments, can reserve park shelters and swimming pool parties online, come with league capability of building teams, scheduling, and email/text direct communication. Adding the online software into the recreation department would be beneficial for community members, as it is a quick and easy way to register for both youth and adult programs. Online software allows users to see a calendar of events and all programs that are available to register for at that time. It has a centralized, online location page for yearly calendars, reservation openings, and activity brochures. It would help relieve the front desk and recreation director from multiple paper forms, payments, excel worksheets, and lessen the possibility of human error.

After reviewing the three quotes (Jarvis, Rec Desk, and Civic Rec), the recreation director believes Jarvis is the best option for the Recreation Department to use. Not only is it the low bid, but it is a Kansas based software company that bases the price on size of town, instead of systems used within the platform. The Jarvis platform comes with its custom website linked from our current Recreation Department page, is easy to navigate for both employees and the community and has communication options to be able to keep coaches, players, and their parents/guardians up to date quickly and efficiently.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve \$2,100.00 for the Jarvis Recreation Online Registration Software for the Lindsborg Recreation Department. (\$175.00 / month). Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### **Kansas Public Employees Retirement Designated Agent Appointment**

The City of Lindsborg participates and is a member in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS). KPERS requires that each member have a representative in KPERS who serves as the primary contact within the organization. The primary contact is called the Designated Agent. Larry Lindgren currently serves as the Designated Agent. He will be retiring and his official last day is March 5, 2021. A new Designated Agent needs to be appointed. David Hay is the new Finance Manager and is recommended to be the new KPERS Designated Agent.

Emile Gallant moved to appoint David Hay as the KPERS Designated Agent. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Resolution No. 01-2021: Municipal Investment Pool Designee**

The City of Lindsborg participates in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool as an avenue to invest idle funds. As a participant, the City must designate the representatives who can make deposits and investments for the City. Additionally, a primary point of contact must be authorized. Currently Larry Lindgren serves as a representative to make deposits and investments for the City as does Greg DuMars. Larry Lindgren also serves as the primary point of contact. Resolution 01-2021 would appoint and authorize David Hay and Gregory DuMars as employees who may make deposits, withdrawals, and sign executive documents for the City. Resolution No. 01-2021 would also appoint David Hay as the primary point of contact.

Rick Martin moved to approve Resolution 01-2021. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Stockholm Estates Building Permit Agreement**

The developers of Stockholm Estates and city staff have been in a discussion about when building permits may be issued so that construction of homes may commence at Stockholm Estates. Under current subdivision policy, this cannot occur until all infrastructure is complete and the subdivision has been accepted by City Council. The discussion between staff and the developers has led to an agreement that building permits could be issued earlier if certain conditions were met. Those conditions are outlined in the agreement, but Certificates of Occupancy of any residence would not be allowed under the agreement unless and until all infrastructure is complete and the subdivision has been accepted by City Council.

Rick Martin moved to approve the agreement between Stockholm Estates, LLC and the City of Lindsborg regarding the issuing of building permits for the Stockholm Estates Development. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Resolution 02-2021 Declaring a Winter Emergency**

As a result of low temperatures with sub-zero wind chills over several days accompanied by snow, sleet and freezing rain across the state, the energy infrastructure across the central part of the U.S. was stressed. The cost to purchase natural gas exceeded 10-200 times the normal prices. The City of Lindsborg is exploring every avenue of relief and with Resolution NO. 02-2021, would declare an extraordinary local state of financial emergency.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve Resolution 02-2021. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **February 2021 Winter Storm Event & Power Supply Presentation**

The arctic storm that hit the United States between February 10-18, 2021 had dramatic impacts on the natural gas market that spilled over into the electric market. A presentation on the background of the electric market, the City of Lindsborg's power supply and the impact of the storm on the electric market and the City of Lindsborg was presented. This storm will have significant impact on the City's cost of electric power and this presentation was to enhance the understanding of the City's electric utility and energy markets.

No action required.

### **Southwest Power Pool Collateral Requirement**

The arctic blast that occurred from February 10 through February 18 has impacted the natural gas market which has impacted the electricity market. The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) dispatches electric power in a 14-state region in the central United States. They not only act as the dispatcher of power, but they also serve as the settlement entity between the seller and buyer. As such, buyers and sellers must post collateral with SPP to cover purchases and limit financial exposure to SPP. The City of Lindsborg posts collateral through the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Due to the high cost of electric energy, up to \$3800 per megawatt hour during the past 10 days, the collateral that KMEA has with SPP is not sufficient to limit SPP's exposure. Additional collateral will need to be placed with SPP. Lindsborg has the responsibility for a share of the KMEA collateral posted with SPP. Due to the additional collateral requirements, Lindsborg will have to send additional collateral to KMEA to cover contractual collateral requirements to SPP. Currently, that amount is unknown as settlements for power bought and sold over the past 10 days will just be invoiced on Monday from SPP to KMEA. In that invoice, it will also have a call for more collateral. The pro rata share for Lindsborg will be known either late Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

Emile Gallant moved to give authority to the City Administrator to post an amount not to exceed a \$1,000,000 collateral payment to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency for Southwest Power Pool collateral requirements. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

### **OTHER:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Ed Radatz and seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 9:24p.m.