

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center  
April 19, 2021– 5:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Lucas Neece, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Chief Michael Davis, Gary Shogren, Trevor Whittaker, Tyler Waldorf, Holly Lofton, Stacey Lott, Ken Swisher, Larry Van Der Wege

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Becky Anderson followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Larry Van Der Wege, Lindsborg Community Hospital CEO, shared an update on COVID-19 numbers including those testing positive in March and April as well as vaccination numbers.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

No amendments to the agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Administrative Professional Day Proclamation**

Mayor Anderson read an Administrative Day Proclamation and recognized the work of Cassie Johnson and Angela Barber as administrative professionals for the City. Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Administrative Day Proclamation. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Fair Housing Proclamation**

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation as read by Mayor Anderson. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Arbor Day Proclamation**

Blaine Heble moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation that was read by Mayor Anderson. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Anderson recognized the work of the Gary Shogren, Noah Flores, the Tree Board, and the fact that Lindsborg is in its 37<sup>th</sup> year of being a Tree City U.S.A. city.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5291, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5292. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Housing Authority – appointed to serve 4-year terms.**

Marion Lindshield                      Bill Nelson

**Golf Course Advisory Board –appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

Connor Chambers                      Holly Toll  
Trevor Whittaker                      Bill Parrish

Jim Osner

Mike Dreier

**Recreation Advisory Board – appointed to serve 4-year terms.**

Sally Hefner

Kelsey Swisher

**Tree Board – appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

Karmon Almquist

Bob Ash

**Board of Zoning and Appeals – appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

Norman Dauer

Marv Anderson

**Planning and Zoning – appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

Dale Whetstone

Molly Johnson

**Library Board – appointed to serve 4-year terms.**

Sandy Patrick

Gary Hartter

**Design Review Board – appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

L’Jean Swisher

**Sister City Committee – appointed to serve 4-year terms.**

Don Anderson

Marc Anderson

**Public Safety Advisory Committee – appointed to serve 3-year terms.**

Joshua Snider

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the citizen board and commission appointments as presented. Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Jodi Duncan moved to approve Ethan Steinbruck to the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Service. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

Tyler Waldorf of Shockey Consulting presented the Comprehensive Plan.

**Ordinance No. 5293-Comprehensive Plan Adoption**

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to accept the comprehensive plan as presented. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Farmers Market**

Ordinance 5247 was adopted in August 2020 allowing seasonal farm markets to operate in City Parks.

Section 50-877

A seasonal or farmers produce market may be permitted in any of the commercial or industrial zones

provided such market conforms to all setback, sight distances and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations. Such markets shall be further subject to any city administrative regulations. Additionally, with specific permission renewed annually by City Council, such markets are allowed in City Parks if they conform to all setback, sight distances and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations.

A group has requested the use of Swensson Park as a market set up beginning as soon as April 24. Operation of the market will be Saturday mornings through October.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the request to conduct a weekly seasonal farm market in Swensson Park during 2021. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Smart Thermostat Energy Efficiency Incentive Program**

To assist residents and business owners in Lindsborg to enjoy comfortable indoor temperatures while also maximizing the benefit they receive from the energy they consume; staff is proposing a rebate of up to \$250 for smart thermostats. These programmable and Wi-Fi enabled thermostats allow a user to program the thermostat to, for example, not condition the air during the day while the resident is at work but will begin conditioning the air in advance of the arrival home. This saves energy in comparison with running the heating/cooling all day, while also making the home more comfortable.

For 2021, any Google Nest thermostat or the Ecobee smart thermostats are eligible. These are highly rated Wi-Fi enabled thermostats. The program will be a one-time cash rebate to a utility account holder upon presentation of a receipt and UPC dated after today for their thermostat. The rebate will be limited to the first 100 utility customers in 2021.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the establishment of a rebate of up to \$250 per utility account for 100 customers for purchase of google nest or Ecobee thermostat. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce.

Emile Gallant moved to table the discussion providing direction to staff to gather more information regarding additional thermostats that could potentially be used. Seconded by Mark Friesen. Motion to table the discussion passed with Councilmembers Rick Martin, Ed Radatz, Mark Friesen, Emile Gallant and Blaine Heble voting aye and Councilmembers Kirsten Bruce and Rebecca Van Der Wege voting nay.

### **Residential Exterior Incentive Program**

To assist residents in Lindsborg to make needed improvements to their properties, the exterior improvement incentive would provide a rebate of 50% up to a total of \$2500 for exterior improvements. Improvements could include painting, replacing windows or siding, and/or the removal and replacement of hazard trees.

An application would be made in advance of doing any work. Only homes built before 2000 would be eligible. Eligible costs could include paint or siding for all four sides of a home, replacement of windows, and/or the removal and replacement of hazard trees.

The program for 2021 will be limited to the first 5 applicants or \$12,500, whichever is greater.

Rick Martin moved to approve the establishment of a reimbursement incentive for the improvement of residential properties built before 2000. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce. Motion passed with Mayor Anderson breaking the tie. Councilmembers Jodi Duncan, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin and Blaine Heble voted aye and Councilmembers Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant, Mark Friesen and Ed Radatz voted nay.

### **Ordinance No. 5294 – Rescind the Mandatory Mask Ordinance**

Ordinance No. 5267 mandated the wearing of face coverings or masks in public places as a health measure during the COVID 19 pandemic. Ordinance No. 5267 remains in effect until an ordinance to rescind is adopted. At the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting, a discussion was held regarding the rescinding of the ordinance mandating masks. The outcome of the discussion directed staff to present an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 5267 with a mid-May effective date.

Ed Radatz moved to approve Ordinance No. 5293 rescinding Ordinance No. 5267. Seconded by Rick Martin.

Jodi Duncan moved to amend Ordinance No. 5293 to an amended date of April 26, 2021 for rescinding the ordinance mandating masks. Seconded by Ed Radatz, motion was defeated with Councilmembers Mark Friesen, Ed Radatz, Blaine Heble and Jodi Duncan voting aye and Councilmembers Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Emile Gallant and Becky Anderson voting nay.

The original motion to approve Ordinance No. 5293 rescinding Ordinance No. 5267 passed with Councilmembers Rick Martin, Ed Radatz, Mark Friesen, Jodi Duncan, Emile Gallant, Rebecca Van Der Wege and Blaine Heble voting aye and Councilmember Kirsten Bruce voting nay.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no executive session.

**OTHER:**

Chief Davis gave Council an update on where things are with the Lindsborg EMS Service.

Chris Lindholm shared with Council that Dakota Graham passed his certification test through KDHE and is now a certified Class I Water Operator and last year, Cutler Croomes passed his test and is certified as a Class II Wastewater Operator. This is the first time in approximately seven years that the Public Works Department has had two certified water operators and two certified wastewater operators.

Reminder-the CIP meeting will be on Monday, April 26 at 6:30pm at the JO Sundstrom Building.

On Monday, May 3, the study session and Council meeting will be at the Lindsborg Municipal Golf Course.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Ed Radatz, seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roxie Sjogren  
City Clerk