

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
May 17, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Rick Martin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Holly Lofton, Lucas Neece, Roxie Sjogren, Bill Gusenius, Greg DuMars, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Chief Michael Davis, Beth Ferguson, Gary Shogren, Jon Antrim, Alesha Schoshke, Dave Duncan, Carissa Worthington, David Worthington, Brent Heizelman, Darren Ebling, Mike Dreier, Danielle Hollingshead

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No changes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Public Works Appreciation Week Proclamation

Mayor Anderson read the Public Works Appreciation Week Proclamation declaring May 16-May 22, 2021, as National Public Works Week.

EMS Appreciation Week Proclamation

Mayor Anderson read the EMS Appreciation Week Proclamation declaring May 16-May 22, 2021, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Memorial Day Proclamation

Mayor Anderson read the Memorial Day Proclamation and recognizes May 31, 2021, as Memorial Day.

Congratulations to the Lindsborg CVB and the people of this community, Lindsborg has been named the most Hallmark Movie-esque Small Town by the 2021 TravelAwaits Best of Travel awards.

Lindsborg was a finalist in the "Friendliest Small Town" category.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5296, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5297. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

PLANNING & ZONING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Audit

Danielle Hollingshead, the lead auditor with Adams Brown Beran and Ball, presented the audit and was available to answer any questions. The audit is comprised of Governance Letter, Primary Government Financial Statement with Auditors' Report, and Enterprise Funds Financial Statements with Auditors' Report.

Emile Gallant moved to accept the 2020 audit as presented. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Midsummer Late Night Swim Request

The Midsummers Committee has requested a "Midnight Swim" the evening of Saturday, June 12th. This swim takes place from 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm and allows the swimming pool to be open to the public for free during those hours. This swim has been a part of Midsummers weekend for many years, and they would like to continue doing it.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Midsummer's Committee request for a free swim at the Lindsborg Municipal Pool 9:00 pm – 11:00 PM on Saturday, June 12, 2021 and that there be no charge to the Midsummer Committee. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 08-2021 Stockholm Estates Infrastructure Acceptance

The installation of infrastructure is complete and has been inspected. Per the City of Lindsborg Subdivision regulations, the infrastructure must be accepted by resolution adoption for future city-at-large maintenance, and it is in the public interest to accept the infrastructure.

Blaine Heble moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2021 accepting the infrastructure for Phase I of the Stockholm Estates subdivision development. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 09-2021 Adoption of Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Lindsborg and McPherson County Emergency Management are part of and participated in the Kansas Homeland Security Region G Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Kansas Region 8 consists of Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Mario, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick and Sumner Counties, including the municipalities and townships within those counties. The Region 8 HMP has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the state of Kansas. Region. The HMP also need to be adopted by McPherson County and the City of Lindsborg through passing a resolution. Adopting the plan provides for federal and state assistance in the event of a formally declared disaster.

The Kansas Region 8 Hazard Mitigation Plan is 532 pages in length. The following is a link to the plan.

<https://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/DocumentCenter/View/5629/Kansas-Region-G-Draft-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan-2019>

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve Resolution No. 09-2021 adopting the Kansas Region 8 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by voice vote.

MKL Sports League

Recreation Director Beth Ferguson has been in talks with the Mid Kansas League out of Hesston about possibly joining with them for some of the City's older divisions. This league is comprised of Canton Galva, Goessel, Halstead, Haven, Hesston, Inman, Lyons, Moundridge, and Sedgwick. If decided to move forward with this, the Recreation Program would join them for Basketball, Baseball/Softball, Flag Football, and Volleyball. It would consist of our 3rd – 6th Grade teams.

One of the reasons to consider this league is because we start having fewer kids play in the City's Rec Program when they get older; more are joining traveling teams. The Recreation Program currently participates with McPherson or Salina for these sports and families travel there for games. If the City joined with league, 50% of the games would be played away and then the City would host 50% of the games. We would be able to add as many teams as we have available. There is a low cost (\$15/\$20) per team to help pay for referees/umpires for away and home games.

If the decision is made to join (and MKL has to vote the City in through their board), a commitment to the league for at least two years for all divisions and sports listed is required.

Positives to joining this league: It would give Lindsborg teams a variety of other teams to play, it would start a “Lindsborg” team playing together instead of against each other (community pride), and possibly have others in the community come back to Lindsborg Recreation, because they would get a sense of the travel experience and competition.

Negative: this would involve some extra travel and expense for parents who are looking to stay here in Lindsborg.

Ed Radatz moved to approve seeking further information on this league and if voted in, join the MKL for the City’s 3rd – 6th grade divisions. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Water Well #11 Pump Replacement

Last month, the water department received an alarm indicating an issue with the number 11 well. The normal checks revealed no surface problems, so A-1 Well Service was called to do some further testing. A-1 found that the motor had shorted out and needed replaced. They were able to locate a new motor in Salina and had the pump pulled and the motor replaced and back in service later that afternoon.

Well issues are treated with urgency so that we do not risk the ability to supply the community with an adequate amount of water, thus the need for immediate replacement.

Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the invoice for the replacement of the #11 well motor by A-1 Well Service for \$5,015.00. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EMS Malpractice Insurance

In 2021, the City was forced to look for a new ambulance malpractice insurance due to EMC getting out of that business. The City picked up a new insurance policy with Western World through the City’s broker Fuqua Insurance. The policy that the City had with EMC was a claims-based policy. What the City has now is an occurrence-based policy. With this being an occurrence-based policy, it has been recommended by the City Attorney for the City to acquire a tail policy to ensure that the city will have adequate insurance if a claim was to be filed. It was confirmed by Western World, that if a claim came in that was prior to April 1st, 2021 that they would not cover it since it occurred prior to getting coverage through them. The tail policy will go back to the inception of EMC.

Council was provided with the quote and further information from Mike Dreier.

Blaine Heble moved to approve the Tail Policy proposal from Fuqua Insurance Group in the amount of \$4,034.36. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Hybrid EMS

A request has been submitted by Councilman Gallant to look at a hybrid EMS. City Council was provided with a copy of the request.

Emile Gallant moved to have the City of Lindsborg move to a full-time service EMS service not to exceed \$610,000.00. Seconded by Ed Radatz. Motion was defeated with Emile Gallant voting aye and Rebecca Van Der Wege, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan and Ed Radatz voting nay.

AMR EMS Services Agreement

In 2019, the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) opened two separate investigations (2019-059 & 2019-087) into the Lindsborg Emergency Medical Service (LEMS) because of possible violations to the Kansas Administrative Regulations and/or statutes pertaining to being out-of-service. As a result of these completed investigations and continuous out-of-service issues, the Kansas Board of Emergency Services, during their April 1, 2021 meeting found LEMS was in violation of Kansas statutes (K.S.A. 65-6135 and K.A.R. 109-2-6) and recommended assessing a fine against the City of Lindsborg. During the same meeting KBEMS opened a new investigation (21-025) for the same violations.

During the November 2, 2020, City Council meeting, Chief Davis was directed to complete and distribute a request for proposal for emergency medical services to contract providers. The request for proposal for emergency medical services was distributed on December 22, 2020, to five prospective emergency medical service providers with a due date to return proposals to the City by January 21, 2021. The proposal was sent to five different EMS services and Chief Davis received one proposal back from American Medical Response (AMR).

At the March 1, 2021, City Council meeting, Council directed Chief to contact AMR to obtain a contract with them for emergency medical services. Chief Davis met with their representative on March 10, 2021, and multiple times thereafter over the phone and via email to negotiate a contract with them for emergency medical services. Attached to this report is the final version of the negotiated contract.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the contract from AMR as presented. Seconded by Blaine Heble. The motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Councilmembers Rebecca Van Der Wege, Mark Friesen, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan, and Ed Radatz voted aye, and Councilmember Emile Gallant voted nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

OTHER:

Greg DuMars shared that Gary Shogren, Director of Community Development, has submitted his notice of retirement effective August 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Blaine Heble, seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk