

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
June 21, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bill Gusenius, Chief Davis, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Roxie Sjogren, Lucas Neece, Holly Lofton, Bret Shogren

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No changes.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Summer has started out fast, some has been good, and some has been tragic. Ad Hoc said business has been good. There will be the Old-Fashioned 4th of July in Swensson Park but there will be no public fireworks display.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5302, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5303. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ed Radatz moved to appoint Anthony Lawrence to the Lindsborg EMS . Seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.

PLANNING & ZONING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 5304 – GO Bond Refinance KDHE Loan

Ordinance No. 5304 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1,885,000 to refinance the outstanding Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) revolving loan. The KDHE revolving loan was secured in 2021 to pay for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. The ordinance also provides for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the payment of annual debt service. The intent is to use wastewater fund revenue to pay the principal and interest on the bond. The allowance for the levying of an annual tax allows the bonds to be tax exempt general obligation bonds.

Resolution No. 10-2021 Wastewater Loan Refinance

Resolution No. 10-2021 prescribes the form and details of, authorizes, and directs the sale and delivery of the general obligation bonds that are being issued to refinance the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) revolving loan which was secured to finance the upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant in 2010. The resolution lays out the covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security for the bonds as well as authorizes the execution the documents related to this bond issue.

Blaine Heble moved to approve Ordinance No. 5304 and Resolution No. 10-2021. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Pole Attachment Agreement- Villa Ro

The Public Works Department was approached by Marc Anderson, the Director of the Lindsborg Housing Authority about a project they are planning. They have recently erected a new maintenance/storage building and are wanting to run coax from the office to the new building so that they can install new security cameras. They would like to attach the coax to three poles located between the office and the new building. This coax would be installed according to utility specifications and does not pose an issue with one other attachment (Cox Communications) on the three poles.

Under FCC regulations and Kansas Telecommunications statutes, all third parties must be treated equally in attaching to electric utility poles as long as there is sufficient space on the poles, and it does not interfere with another party already attached to the pole.

Pole attachment agreements require Council approval, a signed agreement, and a fee of \$6.00 per pole to be paid yearly.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the pole attachment agreement with the Lindsborg Housing Authority allowing the attachment of coax cable to 3 City of Lindsborg utility poles. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 11-2021

A major objective within the strategic plan adopted by Council is to attract a highly skilled and diverse workforce to fill available jobs.

Participating in the expanded Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ) program through the Kansas Department of Commerce is a newly available tool as the City seeks to attract a highly skilled workforce. The Legislature changed eligibility this year to include counties with populations under 40,000. By participating, new residents to rural Kansas could receive a 100% State Income Tax Credit and Student Loan Repayment Assistance of \$3000 per year for 5 years.

There are multiple eligible partners on the student loan portion: A City, County, Employer, or Foundation could partner for the 50% match with the state. Council was provided with an option to partner to reimburse up to 3 new residents of Lindsborg at a cost of \$4,500.

Student Loan Background: <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/taxes-and-financing/roz/>

- Applicants must have a newly established permanent address in a participating county (see map above), so long as that address was established after the county began participating in the program.
- Applicants must have an active student loan balance in their name, as well as an associate's, bachelor's, or post-graduate degree prior to moving to the participating county.
- To apply, applicants will need to provide proof of domicile in the ROZ County, proof of previous permanent residency (prior to earning your degree), transcripts with degree dates and student loan balance with distribution dates.

Rick Martin moved to approve Resolution No. 11-2021 for the City of Lindsborg to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone program and to provide up to \$4500 in matching student loan payments. Seconded by Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 6-1. Councilmembers Ed Radatz, Jodi Duncan, Blaine Heble, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin and Rebecca Van Der Wege vote yea and Emile Gallant voted nay.

Senate Bill 13 – Revenue Neutral Rate Discussion

David Hay shared an infographic about Senate Bill 13 that was created by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:**Real Estate Purchase**

Rick Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 20 minutes and to include the assistant city administrator and the city attorney. The open meeting will resume at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

No action was taken.

OTHER:

Because the July 5 Council meeting falls on a designated holiday, the next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 6.

Instead of the regular Council meeting on July 19, Council will be having the Budget Workshop starting at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Davis confirmed that the EMS contract is still on track.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Kirsten Bruce, seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk