

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
August 16, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Jordan Jerkovich, Holly Lofton, Chief Davis, Chris Lindholm, Beth Ferguson, Gary Shogren, Fire Chief Matt Clark, Justin Hansen, Joshua Swanson, Bill Gusenius

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:

Mayor Anderson commented that there is a lot going on in Lindsborg this week with the local schools opening and Bethany College students returning. Lindsborg received good news last week. The census numbers reported that Lindsborg increased its population to 3,776; McPherson County grew as well. Gary Shogren is retiring, there will be a reception for Gary on Friday (August 20) from 3:00-5:00. Gary has been with the city since 2008 as the Community Development Director.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5313, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5314. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Search Firm Contract

The city sent out eight requests for proposals, received five back. Mayor Anderson and Council President Rick Martin chose three to present to Council.

Blaine Heble moved to accept the proposal for \$13,000 from Austin Peters with amounts not to exceed \$200/day for hotel, mileage and meal charges. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed with a 7-1 vote. Councilmembers Ed Radatz, Jodi Duncan, Blaine Heble, Rick Martin, Mark Friesen, Rebecca Van Der Wege and Emile Gallant all voted in favor of Austin Peters. Councilmember Kirsten Bruce voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kansas City Metro Billboard Contract Extension

The CVB began running digital billboards in the KC Metro area in May, utilizing funds that were raised through partnerships with the Ad Hoc Roundtable, and two area convention and visitor's bureau offices. These billboards have already seen a return with new visitors from the KC area.

Additional grant dollars have been awarded by the McPherson County Community Foundation to allow billboards to run through the end of the 2021 year. Outfront has continued to offer a reduced rate to place digital billboard in the Kansas City Metro area, at a cost of \$2,100 per month.

The KC Metro area is one that frequently brings overnight stays to our community and 2021 will be a year that more people choose to travel regionally due to COVID restrictions. This could bring an audience to Lindsborg that will continue to visit for many more years. Six Outfront billboards will continue be in the mix, offering our advertising in multiple choice locations in the Kansas City area.

The CVB has applied for an additional grant, with a September award, that would allow these ads to run for an extended time, into the 2022 calendar year.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the use of \$6,300 granted by the McPherson County Community Foundation for digital billboard signage purchase from Outfront. Seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COVID 19 Vaccine Incentive

Covid-19 continues to be a threat to our health and well-being. Preventing the spread of disease using the tools available to us, especially vaccines, will help save individual lives and has economy-wide implications as the periodic closure of workplaces, childcare facilities, schools, and colleges is extremely disruptive to the economy.

Under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund guidelines, reasonable incentives for vaccination are allowed and have recently been explicitly encouraged.

Working with the McPherson County Community Foundation, in order to stand up an incentive in a timely manner to respond to the increasing number of new cases, the program has been designed to provide a \$50 cash incentive for a first and/or second dose of vaccine at either Lindsborg Community Hospital or Auburn Pharmacy. The incentive is available at the time of the vaccination. Providers will record and report gender, age and date/time of the vaccination to Assistant City Administrator Lucas Neece daily for ARPA reporting purposes. No other personal information will be reported.

Staff is asking that Council reimburse McPherson County Community Foundation the funds expended on this program to date and fund the program through Monday, September 6, 2021, for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Rick Martin moved to approve the vaccination incentive not to exceed \$50,000. The motion passed with Councilmembers Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Mark Friesen, Rebecca Van Der Wege, and Emile Gallant voting aye and Councilmembers Blaine Heble, Jodi Duncan and Ed Radatz voted nay.

Water Department Inventory Materials

Council was provided with two quotes for inventory materials used by the water department for installation of new water services. This past year with COVID-19 has caused a few issues with material availability and some materials have seen a price increase. There are no significant issues with the materials listed in these quotes.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the quote from Core & Main for the purchase of inventory materials for \$3,649.86. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Bids

New air packs were budgeted for 2021 and 2022 to replace the current AP-50 style packs that the Fire Department currently uses. An air-pack SCBA is an open-circuit, self-contained breathing apparatus designed to provide air to firefighters while combatting fires or any other hazardous atmospheres.

The Lindsborg Fire Department has twelve air packs. Eleven of the air packs were built in 2001 and one was built in 2002. The air packs are inspected annually and repaired as needed; replacement parts for the AP-50s are getting hard to find

making repairing them difficult. The air bottles have a 15-year life span. Of the current 24 bottles, 8 are expired, while the remaining 16 bottles will begin expiring intermittently through 2024.

Fire Chief Clark obtained quotes from Ed M. Feld Equipment Company, Municipal Emergency Services (MES) and Weis Fire & Safety Equipment for 12 air packs, 24 oxygen bottles and 24 facepieces. Weis Fire & Safety quoted \$91,849.24, Feld Equipment quoted \$98,858.44, and MES quoted \$105,046.80.

Emile Gallant moved to approve the purchase of 12 Scott air-packs, 24 air bottles and 24 face masks in the amount of not to exceed \$100,000.00 from Ed M. Feld Equipment Co. to be paid out this year by the city with a one-year lease to buy agreement to cover the remaining balance up to \$50,000.00. Seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Self- Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Financing

With the approval of the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), there is only \$50,000 budgeted for 2021 budget. The other \$50,000 was going to be paid in 2022. With the need to pay for all the SCBA in 2021 to get them at a discount, financing options were explored. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent to all the local banks for a \$50,000 lease-purchase over 18 months with payments every 6 months with the intent to pay off by the end of 2022. We received quotes from 3 of the 4 banks. The quotes are as follows:

Peoples Bank and Trust – 2% with a \$300 origination fee

Farmers State Bank – 3.85% with a \$500 origination fee

Bank of Tescott – 2.24% with no origination fee

First Bank Kansas – 1.75% with no origination fee

Emile Gallant moved to accept the quote from First Bank Kansas at 1.75% with no origination fee for a lease-purchase to pay the remaining balance of the SCBA. Seconded by Jodi Duncan. Councilmembers Ed Radatz, Jodi Duncan, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Mark Friesen, Rebecca Van Der Wege and Emile Gallant voting aye and Councilmember Blaine Heble abstaining.

Ordinance No. 5315 – Amending City Fee Schedule

Ordinance No. 5315 amends the City Fee Schedule for fees related to diversions. The Lindsborg Municipal Court currently charges a \$30.00 application fee for traffic diversions. The court and city prosecutor recommends adding a \$30.00 application fee for criminal cases as well. The diversion fee of \$150.00 is not a change in the dollar amount but requires the defendant to pay in advance rather than over the 6-month diversion period. If a defendant defaults on their fines, this would at least guarantee the Court would receive some revenue to cover incurred costs such as court appointed attorneys. The last change is adding a diversion fee of \$250.00 for driving under the influence charges. The increase in the DUI diversion over the other diversions is because of the seriousness of the crime as well as the increased administrative time for both the court clerk and city prosecutor. Council was provided with a copy of the City Fee Schedule that included the changes highlighted in yellow.

Jodi Duncan moved to approve Ordinance No. 5315 amending the Fee Schedule regarding municipal court diversion fees. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 13-2021 – Non-Profit Complimentary Alcohol Service – Makers Street

The Raymer Society for the Arts submitted a “notification of non-profit organization event promoting the arts” application (ABC form 865) to be able to serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at upcoming Makers Street events. As a nonprofit, the Raymer Society can sponsor an event promoting the arts and serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to members of the public during the event as long as it is

approved by the local governing body by ordinance or resolution and submitted to the Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control at least ten days prior to the event. Council was provided with the application listing local businesses they would be included. Makers Street event days for 2021 are September 10 and November 12.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Raymer Society for the Arts Makers Street Art Walk Notification of Nonprofit Organization Event Promoting the Arts form and pass Resolution No. 13-2021 authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage at the Maker's Street Art Walks. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 14-2021 - Non-Profit Complimentary Alcohol Service – Artist in Residence Reception

The Raymer Society for the Arts submitted a “notification of non-profit organization event promoting the arts” application (ABC form 865) to be able to serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at The Raymer Society for the Arts Ray Troll Artist in Residence Reception on September 10, 2021. As a nonprofit, the Raymer Society can sponsor an event promoting the arts and serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to members of the public during the event if it is approved by the local governing body by ordinance or resolution and submitted to the Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control at least ten days prior to the event. Council was provided with a copy of the application that will be submitted to the State.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Raymer Society for the Arts Notification of Nonprofit Organization Event Promoting the Arts form and adopt Resolution No. 14-2021 authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage at the Ray Troll Artist in Residence Reception. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 15-2021 - Non-Profit Complimentary Alcohol Service – Wine and Cheese Charcuterie Event

The Raymer Society for the Arts submitted a “notification of non-profit organization event promoting the arts” application (ABC form 865) to be able to serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at The Raymer Society for the Arts Wine and Charcuterie Event on November 6, 2021. As a nonprofit, the Raymer Society can sponsor an event promoting the arts and serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to members of the general public during the event as long as it is approved by the local governing body by ordinance or resolution and submitted to the Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control at least ten days prior to the event. Council was provided with a copy of the application that will be submitted to the State.

Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Raymer Society for the Arts Notification of Nonprofit Organization Event Promoting the Arts form and adopt Resolution No. 15-2021 authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage at the Wine and Charcuterie event. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Discussion Pursuant to Purchase of Real Estate

Rick Martin moved at 7:16 pm to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate exception pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for 15 minutes and to include the city administrator and the city attorney. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant. Motion passed on voice vote. The open meeting resumed at 7:31 p.m. in Council chambers.

No action was taken.

OTHER:

Ed Radatz asked about the creek behind his house and the maintenance of it. Greg DuMars said letters will be going out to homeowners regarding securing the easements. Maintenance work will be done in the winter months; contractors are typically looking for projects, the prices will be more competitive and there will be better weather for the project.

Reminder that there will be no study session on September 7. Instead, there will be a revenue neutral rate hearing on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. and a budget hearing at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk