

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
October 18, 2021– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Mark Friesen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg DuMars, Roxie Sjogren, Steve Borell, Allen Anderson, Beth Ferguson, Lucas Neece, Chief Davis, Chris Lindholm, Judy Murphy, Diane Reece, Suzanna Swenson, Jordan Jerkovich

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Steve Borell spoke and shared background information on John W. Peterson, Mr. Peterson would have turned 100 this year on November 1. He was born in Lindsborg and had a successful career writing sacred hymns and cantatas.

Allen Anderson extended a word of thanks to the Mayor, Council and City staff for their work on Hyllningsfest.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

No amendments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Anderson offered her congratulations to the Hyllningsfest Committee on a fabulous event and thanked everyone involved, especially the City crew.

There will be a new organization that will kick-off this weekend. The Smoky Valley Community Chamber Orchestra will have their first concert this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Swedish Pavilion.

Smoky Valley Volleyball will be heading to sub-state this weekend in Halstead.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021, regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5325, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5326. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments

No appointments.

Planning and Zoning:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Safety Community HVAC Quotes

The air conditioning unit for the Public Safety Community Room stopped working in the early part of September. The air conditioning unit was inspected and determined to be unreparable. It was recommended a new air conditioner unit be purchased to replace the old one.

Chief Davis obtained 3 quotes to purchase and install a new air conditioning unit for the Public Safety Community Room. Pestinger quoted \$5,520 to repair the air conditioner unit and coil. They kept their quote of \$1,705 if we chose to

include replacing the furnace at same time. The cost for both items to be replaced is \$7,297.25 minus their service charge of \$105 for inspecting the air conditioning unit bringing the total cost \$7,193. C&L Heating & Cooling quoted \$5,598 to replace the air conditioning unit and \$1,700 to include replacing the gas furnace bringing the total cost to replace both units to \$7,298. Comfort Heating and Air, LLC. quoted two prices: \$5,667 for a 3-phase air conditioner unit or \$8,773 to include a new furnace. The second quote was for \$5,867 for a 1-phase unit or \$8,973 to include a new furnace.

Blaine Heble moved to take the previous motion off the table. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Rick Martin moved to approve the purchase of a new air conditioning unit and furnace in the amount of \$7,193 from Pestinger. Seconded by Kirsten Bruce and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lindsborg Library 15 Year Draft Plan

Lindsborg Community Library Director Suzanna Swenson presented Council with their proposed 15-year plan. Ms. Swenson asked Council to share any input with her before it goes to the Library Board for approval.

Health Insurance Renewal

In 2013, the City of Lindsborg established health insurance coverage using umbrella coverage and a health reimbursement account (HRA). On December 1, 2013, the health insurance program was renewed so it would have "grandfathered" status and not be required to meet all the terms of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Switching to an HRA has allowed better health coverage cost control.

The current coverage provided by the City includes health, dental, vision and prescription coverage, along with an employee assistance program (EAP). The Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) has been exploring a health insurance pool to assist municipalities with health insurance costs. The attached comparison worksheet compares the current coverages with FCM/BCBS with the different options through KMIT with fully insured BCBS plans. The comparison shows that with the FCM/BCBS plan, the coverage for most areas is better those options through the KMIT program.

It is recommended that employee contributions towards the health insurance premiums be increased to Employee - \$95/month; Employee/Spouse - \$200/month; Employee/Child(ren) - \$175/month; and Family - \$250/month. The last contribution increase for employee was in 2013. That BCBS be approved for umbrella coverage in the amount of \$6500/\$13,000, and Freedom Claims Management be the third-party administrator (TPA).

The other recommend change is that prescription co-pays be increased to \$15 for generics, \$45 for brand formularies, and \$100 for non-brand formularies.

The estimated cost to the City of Lindsborg for health insurance for 2022 with the proposed changes increases from \$409,260 to \$480,120, a 17% increase. The increase for 2020 to 2021 was 3.16%. From 2015 to 2021, the average annual increase was 1.34%.

Blaine Heble to approve the umbrella health insurance and dental coverage with provider Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a \$6,500/\$13,000 deductible and for the employee contribution to health insurance cost increase to Employee - \$95/month; Employee/Spouse - \$200/month; Employee/Child(ren) - \$175/month; and Family - \$250/month.

Additionally, that the prescription co-pays increase for generics to \$15, for \$45 for brand formularies, and \$100 for non-brand formularies. Seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Community Development Billboard-Luminous Sign

The Community Development office is seeking approval to renew the Luminous Neon billboard. This billboard is located south bound between Salina and Lindsborg with a monthly cost of \$385.00 for a total annual cost of \$4,620.00. This billboard provides great visibility and promotion for Lindsborg and has the potential to attract new residents while increasing the image of the community.

Rick Martin moved to approve the renewal of the Luminous Neon agreement for the south bound billboard between Salina and Lindsborg with a monthly cost of \$385.00 for a total annual cost of \$4,620.00. Seconded by Jodi Duncan and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Community Development Billboard – Lamar Signs

The Community Development office is seeking approval to renew a Lamar billboard. The billboard is located north bound between McPherson and Lindsborg with a monthly cost of \$271.00 for a total annual cost of \$3,252.00. This billboard provides great visibility and promotion for Lindsborg and has the potential to attract new residents while increasing the image of the community.

Rick Martin moved to approve the renewal agreement with Lamar Companies for the north bound billboard between McPherson and Lindsborg at a monthly cost of \$271.00 for a total cost of \$3,252.00. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rick Martin moved to go into executive session to discuss matters related to non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for 15 minutes. The open meeting will resume at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

OTHER:

Ed Radatz asked if there was a policy on flying the City flag. Mayor Anderson told him that it would be looked into.

Jodi Duncan asked if the resolution to John Peterson couldn't be voted on before November because of the timing. City Administrator Greg DuMars confirmed that the request came in after the deadline to complete the agenda and share information so it will be on the November 1 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Rick Martin, seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren
City Clerk