

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
January 17, 2022– 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Tanner Corwin, Corey Peterson, Blaine Heble, Rick Martin, Clark Shultz, John Presley, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Emile Gallant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, David Hay, Jordan Jerkovich, Lucas Neece, Chief Davis, Michael Bernstrom, Beth Ferguson, Gerald Berggren, Brenda Berggren

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The mayor acknowledged that City Hall was open today on Martin Luther King, Jr Day. January 15 would have been Dr. King's 93rd birthday. The mayor received messages of appreciation for the snow removal that was completed by city staff. He also stated that a member of a local organization shared with Chief Davis their appreciation regarding a city staff member who found a bag that had money and paperwork in it and turned it in to the police department. Thursday, January 26 will be the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at 6:45 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. Mayor Shultz also shared that the Anatoly Karpov Chess School is seeking new board members if anyone is interested.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council President Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5339, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5340. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by roll call vote; Councilmember Emile Gallant abstained.

Appointments:

There were no appointments.

Planning and Zoning:

Community Development Director Jordan Jerkovich reported that there will be a Planning and Zoning meeting on Tuesday, January 18. They will discuss a mobile food ordinance and agenda items for the remainder of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

KMIT Workers Compensation Renewal

Council was provided with a renewal quote from Kansas Municipal Interest Trust (KMIT) for the 2022 workers compensation insurance. The cost of coverage is driven by the Experience Mod—set at 0.74 for 2022. This is slightly higher than the rate of 0.73 set last year and identical to the rate of 0.74 set three years ago.

KMIT also offers a premium discount based upon various criteria affecting the City’s safety rating. For 2022, based upon a low experience factor, a 10% discount is being given.

The quote provided to Council at the January 3, 2022 meeting has been modified/reduced to reflect the removal of Ambulance Service Companies & EMS from coverage.

Councilmember Emile Gallant motioned to remove the KMIT Workers Compensation Renewal from the table. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 8-0 by voice vote.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the 2022 KMIT Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$22,020.00. Seconded by Blaine Heble and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Sales Tax Transfer Finalization

2021 local sales tax information was presented to Council at the December 20, 2021, open meeting. At that time, December revenues had not yet been received. However, there was enough information available to allow Council to approve the transferring of \$50,000 to the Equipment Reserve Fund.

The City of Lindsborg collects a one-half percent sales tax locally—the proceeds of which are to be used for capital improvements of the city.

There has been \$214,103.27 that can be attributed to the local one-half percent sales tax. It is proposed to apply the amount of \$154,388.20 toward capital outlay items as listed below. This would leave \$59,715.07 available to be transferred at year-end to the Capital Improvement fund or Equipment Reserve Fund. (\$50,000.00 is budgeted to be transferred in 2021.)

PROPOSED SALES TAX APPLICATION

HVAC Replacement (Police Department/Fire Department)	\$ 7,225.00
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (Fire Department)	\$ 62,361.84
700-900 N Main Replacement (Streets Department)	\$ 50,000.00
Thermal Imaging Camera (Fire Department)	\$ 2,443.65
Car Camera (Police Department)	\$ 5,870.00
Portable Radio (City Admin - Administration Department)	\$ 2,487.71
Roof Top Unit Replacement (Administration Department)	\$ 24,000.00
Total	\$154,388.20

It is proposed that \$50,000.00 of local sales tax monies be transferred to the Equipment Reserve Fund in 2021. This would make the balances in the Equipment Reserve Fund \$112,997.16 and the Capital Improvement Fund \$22,057.14.

No action required. Information is to update City Council as to the final totals of local sales tax received. The allocation and transfer requests were made and approved at the December 20, 2021, Council meeting.

Sundstrom Conference Center Elevator Repair

After one of the December power outages, the Sundstrom Conference Center (SCC) elevator would not operate, and a service technician was called. After almost six hours trying to find the cause of the malfunction, technicians took the main processor in hopes of repairing vs. replacing. They returned with the repaired main processor and also had to replace several parts on the elevator, equaling the material total. The main processor was on budget with the verbal estimate, at \$1,323.28. The bulk of the bill was labor costs, which totaled \$4,106.70, bringing the final invoice to \$5,429.98.

As additional background, SCC has an “Exam and Safety Test Contract” for the elevator. This contract does not cover any malfunctions, repairs, or labor. A “Comprehensive Contract” would cover malfunctions and repairs at

a cost of approximately \$200 per month. As a point of reference, the elevator's last repair was April 12, 2018; valves and packing seals for the hydraulic lifts were replaced.

The "Comprehensive Contact" would not have covered the current situation; it only covers regular wear and tear, not "acts of God" or "events out of our control" like lightning strikes or brown/blackouts, etc.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the Sundstrom Conference Center elevator repairs in the amount of \$5,429.98 as presented by staff. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Rural Opportunity Zone Educational Opportunity

Within the Strategic Plan, Council adopted a major objective to attract a highly skilled and diverse workforce to fill available jobs in Lindsborg.

As outlined by Assistant City Administrator Lucas Neece, participating in the expanded Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ) program through the Kansas Department of Commerce is an available tool as we seek to attract a highly skilled workforce. By participating, new residents to rural Kansas have the opportunity to have a 100% State Income Tax Credit, and also to have Student Loan Repayment Assistance of \$3,000 per year for five 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. Before you is a motion to partner with the Kansas Department of Commerce to reimburse up to three new residents of Lindsborg (\$1,500/each) for a total cost to the City of \$4,500 for this educational opportunity.

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, you 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.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2022 for the City of Lindsborg to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone program, and to provide up to \$4,500 in matching student loan payments. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 7-1 with Councilmembers Corwin, Presley, Heble, Bruce, Martin, Peterson and Van Der Wege voting yes and Councilmember Gallant voting no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Rick Martin moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilperson Emile Gallant, and passed 8-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk