

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
May 2, 2022–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Corey Peterson, Clark Shultz, John Presley, Kirsten Bruce, Rick Martin, Tanner Corwin, Blaine Heble

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Emile Gallant, Rebecca Van Der Wege

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Beth Ferguson, Jordan Jerkovich, Lucas Neece, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Chief Mike Davis, Noah Flores, Holly Lofton, Michael Bernstrom, David Price, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) representative Kelly Adams, Officer Derek Bartlett, Christina Bartlett, Lieutenant Scott Wolf, Sergeant Terry Reed, Eric Kruckenberg, Lori Shultz, Anna Shultz, Geneva Hay

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

MADD representative Kelly Adams presented Officer Derek Bartlett with an award recognizing him for his efforts enforcing safe driving, issuance of DUIs, and overall commitment to keeping the streets of Lindsborg safe from drunk and drugged drivers.

Community member David Price shared his concerns with his current sewer rate and asked for his bill to be adjusted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shultz proclaimed May 4, 2022, to be International Firefighter's Day recognizing the service of the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Shultz proclaimed May 15, 2022, as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 15-21 as Law Enforcement Week and thanked the police officers in keeping the community safe.

Mayor Shultz recognized the week of May 1-7, 2022, as Professional Municipal Clerk's Week and thanked Lindsborg Municipal Clerk Roxie Sjogren for her service.

Mayor Shultz designated the week of May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week and thanked the Public Works staff for the work they do keeping the infrastructure running.

Mayor Shultz proclaimed May 1-7, 2022, as National Travel and Tourism Week Proclamation and thanked Holly Lofton, CVB Director, and her staff for all that they do.

Mayor Shultz proclaimed May 5, 2022, as National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Shultz declared the week of May 8-14, 2022, as National Skilled Nursing Care Week, recognizing the wonderful facilities available in Lindsborg and the staff that they have.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5357, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5358. Motion seconded by Council John Presley and passed 5-0 by roll call vote. Councilmember Corey Peterson abstained.

APPOINTMENTS:

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve Tisha Beckman to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 6-0 by voice vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Community Development Director Jordan Jerkovich shared that Planning and Zoning met on Tuesday, April 26. They discussed two lot splits proposals from Stockholm Estates and a front yard height variance.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Midsummer's Late-Night Swim

The Midsummers Committee has requested a "Midnight Swim" the evening of June 11, 2022, at the Lindsborg Municipal Pool. This swim takes place from 9-11 p.m. 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 the current committee would like to continue doing it. In the last two years that Midsummers has provided this event, 2019 and 2021, there have been 400+ people in attendance throughout the night.

Councilmember Tanner Corwin moved to approve the Midsummers Committee's request for a free swim at the Lindsborg Municipal Pool from 9-11 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022, and that there be no charge to the Midsummer Committee or anyone using the pool. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Farmer's Market

Ordinance No. 5247 was adopted in August 2020 allowing seasonal farmers markets to operate in city parks.

Section 50-877:

A seasonal or farmers produce market may be permitted in any of the commercial or industrial zones provided such market conforms to all setback, sight distances and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations. Such markets shall be further subject to any city administrative regulations. Additionally, with specific permission renewed annually by City Council, such markets are allowed in City Parks provided that they conform to all setback, sight distances and other applicable zoning and traffic regulations.

A group has requested the use of Swensson Park as a market setup beginning as soon as May 14, 2022. Anticipated operation of the market will be Saturday mornings through October.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the request to conduct a weekly seasonal farmers market in Swensson Park during the 2022 season. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble and passed 6-0 by voice vote.

Water Telemetry

The Water Department budgeted to replace the water telemetry system in 2022. The current system is a 22-year-old radio system that was installed shortly after the new well field was put into service because the original hard-wired system did not function properly. This system is a basic, out-of-date, and increasingly a less-reliable

control system. The department also budgeted to upgrade the SCADA computer at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) as part of the normal 5-year replacement schedule. If the City continues with the current integrator, both the software program for the control system and the alarm system will need to be upgraded to a newer version. As part of this process of combining the Water and Wastewater Departments, the water telemetry system also will need to be relocated to the wastewater treatment plant.

Staff contacted R.E. Pedrotti (current WWTP systems integrator), Micro-Comm Inc., and HOA Solutions. They were asked to analyze the water telemetry system, provide a quote to replace that system and also an update the WWTP SCADA computer, software, and alarm system. All understood that the water telemetry would be relocated to the WWTP, and the two systems could be combined to provide cost savings. Each company's system is basically the same in concept; however, they utilize different hardware components and software programs. R.E. Pedrotti and HOA Solutions utilize manufactured electronics and standard HMI software; Micro-Comm manufactures many of its components in-house and has developed its own HMI software.

City staff contacted several municipalities to get feedback on their systems and the different systems integrators. Everyone was complimentary of the companies and had no negative comments. R.E. Pedrotti has been great to work with for 12 years, and the only issues staff has with them are related to the cost of some of the software upgrades and some issues with alarm software. Micro-Comm has received praise from people we talked to about the quality of their service and issue resolution.

Staff believes that any one of these companies would provide a quality product and service. Staff feels the best choice would be to make the switch to Micro-Comm Inc. as our systems integrator. Because Micro-Comm Inc. has its own system, the cost of upgrades is more controlled and, in the end, this should save the city thousands of dollars. Micro-Comm Inc also has fewer problems with supply chain issues because of how the company is structured.

Council President moved to approve the quote from Micro-Comm Inc. for the components and installation of a new combination water telemetry system and wastewater SCADA upgrade for \$146,752.00. Seconded by Councilmember Tanner Corwin and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

OTHER:

City Administrator Kristi Northcutt announced that the Lindsborg Child Development Center will have an open house on May 22 from 3-6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember John Presley moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Tanner Corwin, and passed 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk