

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
July 18, 2022–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: John Presley

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Zach Strella, Lucas Neece, Chief Michael Davis, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Thomas Nelson, Noah Flores, Alex Grosland, Samuel Peterson, Becky Grosland, Mark Grosland, Beth Ferguson, Holly Lofton, Jordan Jerkovich, Jason Sherwood

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Thomas Nelson spoke about his charitable fund, Graceful Pursuits, and their work with refugees.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shultz expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Council on the budget, and the need to balance all our needs with a desire to control costs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5370, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5371. Motion seconded by Councilmember Van der Wege. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Councilmember Gallant moved to approve the appointment of Taner Trautwein to the Volunteer Lindsborg Fire Department. Seconded by Councilmember Martin and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Next meeting will be July 26, joint with Board of Zoning Appeals.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Notice to McPherson County Clerk with Intent to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate

In 2021, the Kansas Legislature adopted Senate Bill 13 and House Bill 2104 which removed the property tax lid and implemented a "Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR)." The RNR is a mill levy that will generate the same amount of revenue that was levied the prior year. The 2022 mill levy for Lindsborg was 57.754 mills, which generated \$1,528,592 in property tax revenue. The RNR mill levy from the McPherson County Clerk for the 2023 budget has been set at 53.495 to generate the same property tax revenue.

The RNR mill levy from the McPherson County Clerk is based upon estimated assessed property valuation and *not* the final assessed property valuation; the estimated assessed property valuation does not include property valuation appeals and protests. The final assessed property valuation released in November will include the outcome of those protests and appeals. Therefore, there is a variation between the estimated and final property valuation amounts.

A Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate must be provided to the McPherson County Clerk no later than end of business on July 20. The final budget adopted cannot exceed the rate specified in the notice, but it can be less than the rate. Any property tax revenue generated over the rate in the notice must be returned to property owners. The draft budget proposes that the mill levy be set at 55.000 mills; this is just 1.505 mill higher than the RNR of 53.495 mills and is subject to Council approval. The budget staff has prepared is conservative yet realistic with regard to today's volatile environment of rising costs and workforce challenges.

A Revenue Neutral Rate Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers and will be followed by the Public Budget Hearing. Per the new law, the County Clerk will send a notice to all City of Lindsborg taxpayers at least 10 days in advance of Sept. 6 stating the city's intent to exceed the RNR (and will include the mill levy rate of 55.000), and with details of these hearings.

Council President Martin moved to approve and send to the McPherson County Clerk the Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2023 City of Lindsborg Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Gallant. Passed on a roll call vote, 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Corwin moved for adjournment, seconded by Council President Martin, and passed 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk