

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
August 1, 2022–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Blaine Heble

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Zach Strella, Chief Michael Davis, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Beth Ferguson, Holly Lofton, Jordan Jerkovich, Larry Van Der Wege, Ken Olsen (representing Enterprise)

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:

Tomorrow is primary election day.

Mayor Shultz read a letter from Council President Rick Martin. Council President Martin will be retiring after twenty-seven years of service. The City wishes Rick well on his retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council President Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2022, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5372, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5373. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Front Yard Height Variance-Ordinance No. 5374

After a community member came to Council with concerns regarding fence heights on corner lots, the issue was sent to Planning and Zoning for review. Planning and Zoning recommended making changes to amend the section of code relating to fence height variances. Ordinance Number 5374 would amend the municipal code relating to fence height variances in the required front yards.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve Ordinance Number 5374. Seconded by Councilmember Corey Peterson and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

HCi Franchise Agreement-Ordinance No. 5375

The City of Lindsborg and Home Communications, Inc. (HCi) have been negotiating a telecommunications franchise for use of the city right-of-way (ROW) to install and operate a telecommunications system. A franchise agreement gives the city authority to regulate how the ROW is used and to ensure that all entities operating in the ROW are treated equitably. HCi intends to install fiber optic within the ROW.

Council President Rick Martin moved to approve Ordinance 5375 granting a franchise agreement to HCi to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications system in the City of Lindsborg. Seconded by Councilmember Tanner Corwin and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Chip Seal of Streets

Along with the repave on North Kansas Street, a limited number of streets have been selected for chip sealing followed by a fog seal coating. These streets had some bad spots which have been repaired and if chip and fog sealed, should last for several years. The focus for the last several years was to repave the more heavily traveled streets which serve larger areas of town. A complete repave of these streets has worked but it is unrealistic to try and get many streets done using this approach because it is so capital intensive. Using this chip and seal approach, we would maximize the funds and get a significant portion of the streets done rather than focusing on just one small area.

Three companies were contacted requesting quotes to do 19,535 sq/yds of chip seal, followed by a fog seal coating. The three companies were, APAC, Bailey's Asphalt, and Circle C Paving. APAC did not respond; Bailey's Asphalt and Circle C both provided the quotes.

APAC: No response

Bailey's Asphalt: \$135,000.00

Circle C Paving: \$76,186.50

The intent is to apply for KDOT Cost Share Grant and utilize that money to chip and fog seal most of the previous chip-sealed streets throughout Lindsborg.

Council President Rick Martin moved to approve the proposal from Circle C Paving to chip and fog seal 19,535 square yards of streets for a price of \$76,186.50. Seconded by Councilmember Emile Gallant and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Western Area Power Administration Integrated Resource Plan Draft

Lindsborg purchases a small portion of its electricity from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). A requirement of the contract is the adoption of a 5-year Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The plan must include information on how the city will reduce energy consumption and meet future demand, including an emphasis on the environmental effects of our electric supply.

Opportunities identified in the plan will include the work that we are doing on automated metering and the potential for time of use rates; smart thermostats; the energy impact of the exterior improvement grant with the replacement of windows; as well as ongoing staff discussions regarding incentivizing home EV chargers, and the parallel generation ordinance that was adopted in November 2021.

The goal of the plan is to ensure that our energy supply is diverse, reliable, and dispatchable.

No action was taken; this item will be presented for adoption August 15, 2022.

Fleet Management Services

Staff and Enterprise Fleet Management have been in discussions for several months to move the city from a purchased-vehicle fleet model to a leased model, managed by Enterprise. Staff is recommending the change so that the city would have a more efficiently managed fleet and to reduce the cost of vehicles.

Because several of the City's vehicle types (particularly the pickup trucks) have strong resale value, there is monetary value to acquiring new trucks on an annual basis at preferred government pricing and then getting them into the resale market quickly. Lease terms across our fleet would range from 12 to 60 months. This is not something that staff could manage; but by partnering with Enterprise, it would be very manageable, and staff believe would provide good value to the city and reduce our fleet costs. The estimates provided to Council project a savings of nearly \$500,000 over the first ten years of the relationship.

Future expenditures resulting from the agreement would continue to come before City Council.

In exploring the potential collaboration, staff asked for information regarding other cities using Enterprise Fleet Management; some include Andover, Salina, Valley Center, Wellington, Ark City, Prairie Village, and Goddard. Staff contacted Prairie Village and Ark City to hear about their experiences; both provided strong references and are pleased with the program.

Ken Olsen with Enterprise was at the meeting to provide more information and to answer questions about the fleet management model.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the agreement between Enterprise and the City for fleet services. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 4-3 by roll call vote. Councilmembers Rick Martin, John Presley, Kirsten Bruce, and Rebecca Van Der Wege voted aye and Councilmembers Corey Peterson, Tanner Corwin, and Emile Gallant voted nay.

Fredrickson Family Fitness Park

The City of Lindsborg and the Lindsborg Community Hospital have partnered to develop an outdoor family fitness park in honor of Dr. Duane Fredrickson. This partnership has been ongoing since 2015 with detours along the way. In August 2020, the concept was brought before City Council to approve the land donation of "Union Street Storage Yard" (which has now been changed to south trailhead parking lot) and to accept the naming rights to Dr. Fredrickson and his family.

The project currently is more than 62% funded thanks to Dr. Fredrickson's memorial gifts, local donors, and a David J. Nutt Fund grant (September 2020). Staff are currently waiting to hear back from a T-Mobile Small Community Grant application and other grant applications that have been submitted. An online fundraising effort is underway for any community member or group who would like to also help fund this project.

The park is designed to positively contribute to the overall state of wellness for all users physically, socially, and mentally, and will provide dedicated space for outdoor fitness and exercise. Residents of all abilities can enjoy a sense of community while improving their strength, agility, and flexibility. The space is named to celebrate the life of Dr. Duane Fredrickson—family physician, exercise enthusiast, historian, and community volunteer.

The City and Hospital Foundation are excited to finalize this project by the end of 2022 (weather pending). The project will be invoiced in two phases. With Council approval, the city will order all the equipment & surfacing (phase 1); this amount is fully funded. Installation (phase 2) would occur in September-October, at which time we would have grant award notifications, as well as the result of the fundraising blitz. The outstanding amount after donations/grants would be covered by a 50/50 split between the Hospital and the city.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve completion of the Fredrickson Family Fitness Park, located at the South Trailhead parking lot, including a contribution of up to \$25,000 of city ARPA funds, as needed. Seconded by Council President Rick Martin and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Rick Martin moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce, and passed 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxie Sjogren, CMC

City Clerk