

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

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Clark Shultz, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Emile Gallant, John Presley, Blaine Heble,

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Corey Peterson, Tanner Corwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Chief Michael Davis, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Beth Ferguson, Jordan Jerkovich, Noah Flores, Lucas Neece, Derrald Banz, Roxanne Banz

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

2023 BUDGET HEARING

At 6:31 p.m., mayor Shultz opened the 2023 budget hearing.

BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

In May and July study sessions, city staff presented the preliminary 2023 budget drafts and outlined planned Capital Improvement Projects through 2027. Based on Council feedback, revisions have been made to the budget and staff is now ready to present a final budget to Council for adoption.

The recommended budget is based on the following:

- 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 budget proposes that the mill levy be set at 55.000 mills, which is lower than last year's mill levy by more than 2 mills, but slightly above this year's RNR.

This budget came to Council after several iterations and deep dives by staff to trim expenses where possible, anticipating that costs will continue to rise, and workforce challenges will continue in this volatile environment.

The city's executive staff with input from employees across the organization developed the 2023 budget, which addresses Council's project-based priorities. We have made every effort to reduce expenses (while also feeling the impact of rising costs & inflation) and invest in the city's people & places. The budget allows Lindsborg to maintain its high standards for excellence and its reputation as a place that people choose, while also being mindful of the taxpayers who support the city.

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve the City of Lindsborg 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Rebeca Van Der Wege and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mayor Shultz closed the budget hearing at 6:38 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Derrald Banz, owner of Farley’s restaurant, asked Council if they would consider amending the current ordinance regarding the allowed parking locations for food trucks in the downtown area. Mr. Banz would like to see the 5 parking stalls on Lincoln Street, just south of his restaurant, be added to the allowed locations for food trucks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Interviews for candidates for the open council seat in Ward 3 will be on Monday, September 12.

On September 26th, there will be a mayor’s coffee from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Sundstrom Conference Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the August 51, 2022, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5378, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5379. Motion seconded by Councilmember Emile Gallant. The motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Shultz appointed Nancy Bolden to the Cemetery Board and Kendra Holt Moore to the Tree Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Right-of-Way Mower

It is in the budget this year to replace the old Land Pride “brush hog” three-point mower. This mower is used for mowing large right-of-way areas and the drainage channels like the Garfield Channel and Diversion Channel to the west. It is important to keep those channels reasonably mowed and clear so that water can flow properly. If left unmaintained, stormwater flow through them gets reduced significantly which results in higher water elevations.

The current mower deck is in very poor condition and becoming unsafe to operate. This mower deck will normally be attached to the tractor that is used to turn the compost.

Quotes were requested from three different companies for a 7-foot, heavy-duty three-point rotary cutter. Kan Equip Inc., LDI, and Prairie Land Partners submitted quotes for a rotary cutter with Kan Equip Inc. coming in at the lowest price for a Land Pride RCF2784 cutter.

Kan Equip Inc.:	Land Pride RCF2784	\$6,495.00
LDI:	Rhino TW37	\$8,100.00
Prairie Land Partners:	John Deere RC7R	\$8,970.00

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the quote from Kan Equip Inc. for a Land Pride three-point rotary cutter in the amount of \$6,495.00. Seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Mastic Rental

For several years, the Streets Department has been renting a crack seal melter and has been working to crack seal all the newer asphalt streets and working to crack seal some of the older streets that are still in fair condition. Crack sealing is not meant to be done on cracks that are wider than 1.5 inches. That is where a mastic sealant is the best choice for repair.

Mastic sealant in a hot-applied, pourable, aggregate-filled, polymer-modified asphalt mastic sealant that is used on wider cracks in street repair work. This product is applied as a hot flowable material yet dries very hard and requires no additional compaction due to the aggregate fill. This product was demonstrated to crews last year and the demo work has held up very well throughout this last year. This product will be used to make a crack repair to streets prior to being chip sealed to help with the longevity of the repair and improve the ride quality of the road.

Two companies provided quotes for the rental and material required:

McConnell & Associates	\$2,595.50
Crafco Inc.	\$3,040.00

Councilmember Emile Gallant moved to approve the quote for the rental of a mastic melter and the material from McConnell & Associates in the amount of \$2,595.50 League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates

The League of Kansas Municipalities will hold its annual business on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. State law provides that the governing body of each member city of the League may select city delegates from among the city’s officers to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League. \

By virtue of our population (3,776), Lindsborg may have two (2) voting delegates and two (2) alternate voting delegates. The League requires notice of voting delegate selections prior to September 23, 2022, for the delegates to participate in the meeting.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve City Administrator Kristi Northcutt and Mayor Clark Shultz as voting delegates to the League of Kansas Municipalities. Seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Subordination Agreements

Peoples Bank & Trust is requesting a signature on behalf of the city on two subordination agreements. As a condition of the Moderate Housing Grant for Stockholm Estates, a \$5,000 second mortgage was filed on each of these two lots to disenable the profit from the sale of the lots within a five-year window (“flipping”).

A subordination agreement is a contract to prioritize one debt over another for repayment; essentially, it ranks debt priority by lenders to ensure repayment priority from the borrower. By signing the subordination agreements, the city agrees to place the lender in first position to satisfy the investors on these mortgages.

Any fees associated with filing the agreements will be covered by People’s Bank & Trust.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to allow City Administrator Kristi Northcutt to sign two current Subordination Agreements related to mortgage loans in the Stockholm Estates development, so that the lender is in first position. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble and passed 5-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege , and passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk