

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
April 17, 2023–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Kirsten Bruce, John Presley, Andrew Smith, Clark Shultz, Blaine Heble, Corey Peterson, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Tanner Corwin

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Emile Gallant

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Chief Davis, Jordan Jerkovich, Chris Lindholm, Beth Ferguson, Marcus Petty

David Hay joined the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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

PUBLIC INPUT:
No public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
There were no amendments.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Shultz congratulated President Mauch and Dr. Lucas on a successful Messiah festival. Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege was a part of the orchestra and Councilmembers Kirsten Bruce and John Presley were part of the chorus. Councilmember Bruce's mother, Sharon, is the longest singer in the chorus after 59 years.

April 18 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. Mayor Shultz gave a shoutout to Electric Department staff Rod, Matt, and Ethan and thanked them for their service to the City of Lindsborg.

April 26 is Administrative Professional Day. Mayor Shultz thanked Robin and Jane at City Hall, Diane in the CVB office, and Julia in the Public Safety Department.

April 30-May 6 is Municipal Clerk Week; Mayor Shultz thanked City Clerk Roxie Sjogren for her service.

Mayor Shultz read a proclamation naming April 28 as Arbor Day 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA:
Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5422, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5423. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:
There were no appointments.

Committee Reports:
There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bike Share Program

Councilmember John Presley moved to remove the bike share item from the table, seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

The Community Development Department originally presented the Lindsborg Bikeshare Program to City Council on Monday, March 20, 2023, as an option to bring three bikeshare stations and 15 bikes to the community. After passing with unanimous vote with the understanding that clarification regarding the maintenance issue in the contract be reported back to Council, staff presented updated information to Council on April 3, 2023. At that time, an error in the Contract Agreement regarding maintenance led to the topic being tabled while final corrections were made. The updated contract was presented at the April 17, 2023, meeting.

Through conversations with OCK and a review of the contract by City Attorney Zach Stella, staff's understanding of the maintenance obligation is that maintenance is expected to be provided by Movatic, except for in cases where communities elect special maintenance outside of standard obligations. In practice, Movatic has demonstrated that it is committed to this obligation in each of the KANcycle partner communities. It is the staff's understanding that no partner community has paid for maintenance out-of-pocket in the nearly four years of the KANcycle program administered through OCK.

Key players in the Lindsborg Bikeshare Program are:

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS): Primary financial sponsor of the program, covering 80 percent of costs in the first year.
- OCK: Primary beneficiary of generated funds.
- Movatic: Company responsible for maintaining the program and its associated app.
- Tandem: Company that makes the bicycles.
- USD 400, Bethany College and Lindsborg Community Hospital: Sponsors of the program in addition to the City of Lindsborg.

The Lindsborg Bikeshare Program would include three stations, on the north end of town near Bethany College by Välkommen Trail, in a central location downtown by City Hall, and to the south next to the new Fredrickson Family Fitness Park. The program would include 15 bikes across the three station locations. The bikes would be for rent, either by the hour or with a \$30 annual pass (discounted annual pass for students 18 yrs.+); sponsoring organizations would have a free, first-year membership.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to affirm the motion to approve the expenditure of ARPA funds for the Lindsborg Bikeshare Program, including fiscal items as presented. Seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Midsummer's Late-Night Swim

The Midsummers Committee has requested a "Late-Night Swim" on the evening of June 17, 2023, at the Lindsborg Municipal Pool. This swim would take place from 8:30-10:30 p.m. and allows the swimming pool to be open to the public for free during those hours.

This late-night swim has been a part of the Midsummers weekend for many years, and the committee would like to continue it. In the last three years that Midsummers has provided this event (2019, 2021, and 2022), there have been 400+ people in attendance each night.

Councilmember Tanner Corwin moved to approve the Midsummers Committee's request for a free, late-night swim at the Lindsborg Swimming Pool from 8:30-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, and that there be no charge to the Midsummer Committee or anyone using the pool. Seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Concrete Saw

The Streets Department has budgeted this year to replace the self-propelled walk-behind concrete saw. This saw is used to cut the street when replacing bad areas or removing streets for utility work. The current saw is a 1995 model which has been in the capital improvement budget numerous times for replacement; however, each year it has been pushed back because the unit was still in working condition and replacement was not justified.

The saw has been taken into the shop over the last few years for some repairs and it is getting to the point where parts are no longer available. Some repairs have been improvised and now the concern is that some repairs might not even be possible. It is for this reason that staff recommended replacing the unit before the saw is out of commission entirely.

Staff discussed simply renting a unit when needed; however, problems can arise at times when rental facilities may be closed, or a saw is not available. This makes renting an unrealistic option as many times the saw is used in an emergency and the need is immediate.

Staff spent time researching saws and talking to contractors that use those types of saws on a regular basis. Staff understand the needs of the department, but wanted to better understand any pros and cons from people that use these types of saws on a more regular basis.

Quotes were requested from several companies for a 26" self-propelled saw. Quotes ranged from the lowest price of \$19,525.00 to the highest of \$24,740.00. Haysville Rental had the lowest price for a Husqvarna FS300. The Husqvarna saw was the brand that received the highest feedback from the contractors that staff spoke with.

This replacement was budgeted for \$15,000.00 with the remainder covered by the sale of the old unit on Purplewave. That may not cover the total amount due to the increase in prices for everything currently, but any extra will be covered by Streets Department commodities.

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve the quote from Haysville Rental Center for a Husqvarna FS3500 concrete saw for \$19,525.00. Seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Mobile Data Computers

The Lindsborg Police Department currently has four patrol vehicles. This year, funds were budgeted to outfit the vehicles with Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) to improve officer efficiency in the field. One way to expand police services to the community is for officers to have the ability to perform more functions in the field while performing their duties. MDCs will help the officers to achieve this.

An MDC is a computerized communication device installed in a police car. Officers can use these devices to communicate with dispatch, get GPS directions, receive critical information related to calls for service, and to document investigations. Additionally, MDCs can lessen the workload of 911 dispatchers and increase officer efficiency in the field by allowing officers to run information from their cars, such as driver's license and vehicle tags without having to utilize dispatchers. Officers can also complete most of their reports in the field, reducing the amount of time in the station.

In 2022, the Lindsborg Police Department submitted a grant proposal to assist with the MDC project. LPD has since been notified that the department has been named a subrecipient to the microgrant through the Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$6,285.31 for all services and materials related to this project. The grant requires the department to purchase the equipment, then submit the invoice for reimbursement.

Staff reached out to Rugged Notebook, CDW-G, and Tough Rugged Laptops for quotes on MDCs to complete the first step in this project.

- Rugged Notebook: \$13,960.00 for four (4) Getac S410 touch screen computers with warranty and vehicle docking systems.
- CDW-G: \$19,377.12 for four (4) Getac V110G6 computers with warranty and vehicle docking systems.
- Tough Rugged Laptops: \$25,304.70 for four (4) Panasonic Toughbook CF-33 computers with vehicle docking systems.

The totals above do not include mounting (depending on type of car), SMART Cop software, antennas, air cards, mobile connectivity, etc. Any of these items that exceed the authorized spending limit by staff will come to Council separately for consideration.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the purchase of four Mobile Data Computers with docking systems from Rugged Notebook in the amount of \$13,960.00 with a partial reimbursement from the Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program in the amount of \$6,285.31. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk