

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
January 16, 2024–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zach Strella, Chris Lindholm, Milton Collins, Holly Lofton, Noah Flores, Lauren Doak, David Hay, Marcus Petty, Chief Davis, Mark Grosland

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark 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:

Mayor Shultz thanked city staff for all they did in the snow removal over the last few days.

Mayor Shultz shared that the USD400 Board of Education has accepted the recommendation that the new baseball field be named for Troy Miller, long-time baseball coach for Smoky Valley.

The mayor reminded the City Council of the upcoming orientation on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at the Sundstrom Conference Center.

The mayor's prayer breakfast will be Thursday, January 18 at 6:45 a.m. at the Covenant Church.

January 29 is Kansas Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5465, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5466. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2023 Sales Tax Final Report

Unallocated local sales tax (half-cent sales tax) is usually budgeted to be transferred each year-end to either the Equipment Reserve Fund or the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. At the December 18, 2023, City Council meeting, December revenues had not yet been received. At that time, City Council voted not to execute the scheduled transfer, and instead to leave the sales tax revenue in the General Fund for planned use toward the Public Safety Center renovation project, as well as two other previously allocated expenditures (EMS radios and Sundstrom HVAC repair).

The final 2023 half-cent sales tax revenues were \$249,243.41, which is slightly below staff’s projection of \$252,111.49 at the December 18, 2023, City Council meeting. As a result, the amount that will be allocated to the Public Safety Center renovation project was reduced by the difference.

This information was to update City Council as to the final totals of local sales tax received; no action was expected or requested from City Council.

EMS Radio (Ambulance Department):	\$6,274.66
Sundstrom HVAC Compressors (Sundstrom Department):	\$ 20,962.20
Public Safety Center Renovations (Public Safety Department):	\$222,006.55
Total:	\$249,243.41

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Golf Course Fairway Mower

The Recreation Department budgeted \$15,000 for a golf course mower in 2024. Separately, it has been determined that the current fairway mower needs a new radiator and hydraulic work before the season. Last week, Kansas Golf & Turf reached out to staff regarding a used (2020) fairway mower that was set up to be sent to another course. Since then, that course has decided to stay with their leasing option instead of purchasing this unit outright; therefore, we have been offered the mower at a discounted price.

If the City Council approves the purchase of this mower, the current mower would be listed on Purple Wave to recoup the unbudgeted funds.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the outright purchase of a 2020 Fairway Mower from Kansas Golf & Turf in the amount of \$20,000. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

KMIT Workers Comp Renewal

Councilmembers were provided with the renewal quote from Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) for the City’s 2024 workers compensation insurance. The quote is based off estimated payroll for 2024.

The cost of coverage is driven by the Experience Mod, a multiplier used to calculate workers’ compensation premium. The quote shows how the organization workers’ comp claims compare to others in our industry; anything below 1 is considered good. The rate for the City of Lindsborg has been set at 0.73 for 2024, which is the same rating as 2023.

KMIT also offers a premium discount based upon various criteria affecting the City’s safety rating. For 2024, based upon a low experience factor, a 10% discount was being given.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the 2024 KMIT Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$29,246.00. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Rural Opportunity Zone – Resolution 01-2024

At its regular meeting on January 17, 2022, City Council resolved via Resolution 01-2022 to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program. Annually during the five-year period, the City shall revise its ROZ budget and submit a new Resolution to the State of Kansas by January 30.

By participating, the City partners with the Kansas Department of Commerce to reimburse up to three *new* residents of Lindsborg (\$1,500/each) for a total cost to the City of up to \$4,500 for this educational opportunity.

Participation in the expanded ROZ program through the Kansas Department of Commerce is an available tool as the City seeks to attract a highly skilled workforce. New residents to rural Kansas may receive a 100% State Income Tax Credit and Student Loan Repayment Assistance of \$3,000 per year for five years.

Applicants must have a newly established permanent address in a participating county so long as that address was established after the county began participating in the program.

- Applicants must have an active student loan balance in their name, as well as an Associate's, Bachelor's, or post-graduate degree prior to moving to the participating county.
- Applicants must provide proof of domicile in the ROZ County, proof of previous permanent residency (prior to earning degree), transcripts with degree dates, and student loan balance with distribution dates.

In 2022, the City of Lindsborg approved one application through the Department of Commerce for a Rural Opportunity Zone candidate, resulting in the relocation of a new resident (and small business owner) to Lindsborg. In 2023, Lindsborg approved two applications, resulting in two new residents who also work in Lindsborg.

More information on ROZ: [Rural Opportunity Zones \(ROZ\) \(kansascommerce.gov\)](https://www.kansascommerce.gov)

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve Resolution 01-2024 authorizing continued participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone program for the calendar year 2024, and to provide up to \$4,500 in matching student loan payments. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Bucket Truck Transmission Repair

In February 2023, the City Council approved funds of up to \$150,000 for the purchase of a used second smaller-style bucket truck for the Electric Department. As pricing for new trucks neared \$200,000 and with lead times out three plus years, this was the best option to acquire a second truck and it was also budgeted. The used market was fluctuating rapidly at the time, so approving the \$150,000 before locating a truck provided the ability for staff to be able to act immediately when something was located. In April 2023, Electric Superintendent Rod Schrage found a used truck within the Altec truck system. The truck went through the Altec Inspection Facility in Birmingham, Alabama, and passed all inspections. Rod was able to secure the purchase of the unit and flew down in May to inspect and purchase the truck and drive it home. The company represented the truck well and it has been a good addition to the department, allowing staff to work more efficiently than they could utilizing just one truck.

In late summer, the truck started to exhibit some drivetrain problems at slower speeds. Rod was not sure if it was a shifting/transmission problem or if it was a driveline problem. He talked to a couple of shops and after some in-depth investigation, they determined that it was an issue with the transmission. The Altec technician recommended a service on the transmission to see if it would fix the problem; they had the transmission serviced but that did not change anything. Rod again talked to Altec and to several of the transmission shops in the area to try to diagnose the problem. In the end, the truck went to Midway Motors as they were the only shop around that had a lift capable of lifting the truck and technicians willing to work on it. They determined that there was a failure within the transmission and that it would either need to be rebuilt or replaced. Removal and rebuild of the existing transmission could save \$1,000-\$2,000; however, repair parts are a minimum of two months out or longer depending on what they discover once the transmission is disassembled. A rebuilt unit can be delivered in one week, and the old unit removed and replaced with the new one in a couple of days.

This would allow the truck to return to service in a few weeks instead of several months, which becomes much more important as we head into storm season. A completely remanufactured unit would also come with a 3-year, 100,000-mile warranty.

Because this truck is an essential piece of equipment and this was a critical repair, the transmission has been ordered and the truck will go back to the shop to have the transmissions changed out as soon as the replacement has arrived. Attached is an estimate for the work.

Councilmember Tanner Corwin moved to approve the quote from Midway Motors for the replacement of the automatic transmission in the Ford Altec AT41 bucket truck for \$8,539.50. Seconded by Andrew Smith and passed 8-0 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 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxie Sjogren, CMC
City Clerk