

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
July 20, 2026–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Clark Shultz, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Larry Lysell, Andrew Smith, Lysa Palmer-Augusta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joshua Swanson, Tyler Johnson, Ericka Lysell

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, David Hay, Lauren Doak, Holly Lofton, Denny Walker, Milton Collins, Noah Flores, Chief Terry Reed, Scott Bontz, Quentin Breese, Derek Lee, Maegan Lee, Angie Ahlstedt, Laura Crawley, Lance Cochran, Kim Cochran

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Angie Ahlstedt spoke in favor the public restroom construction at Riverside Park.

Superintendent Quentin Breese shared information about the upcoming bond issue for the Smoky Valley School District.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Last weekend was the opening of the Broadway RFD production of Oklahoma. There is one more weekend to catch the show.

Mayor Shultz welcomed Bethany College President Dr. Laura Crawley to the Council meeting. The mayor shared that Bethany College recently announced the alumni that will be recognized this fall as part of their awards ceremony. Mayor Shultz highlighted Mark Lysell who will be receiving the Alumni Lifetime Achievement award, recognizing all the Mark Lysell has done for Bethany College and the City of Lindsborg.

Mayor Shultz shared that radio personality Lucky Kidd passed away yesterday. Mr. Kidd covered this area of the state as part of his broadcast.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5600, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5601. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Administrator Tanner Faust shared a 2027 budget update. The revenue neutral rate that the City received from the county clerk was 53.325 mills. The proposed budget that was reviewed by Council would have the City levying a 49.389 mill levy.

A column was added to the budget book that will show if the line item is an increase or decrease over the previous year.

August 17 will be the next meeting where the Council will discuss the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Travel Guide Purchase

The Convention and Visitors Bureau will be purchasing Visitors Guides for the 2026/27 year to be purchased in a quantity of 10,000. This quantity should last approximately one year.

CVB staff recommended using Valley Print Logistics, (The former vendor, Mennonite Press, was purchased by this company.) as the vendor due to their reasonable bid, exceptional customer service, and history of service to the CVB and to the City of Lindsborg.

Spanish guides will, again, be offered online only, due to cost and budget restrictions.

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to purchase 10,000 visitors guides from Valley Print Logistics in the amount of \$4,578.48, plus or minus the amount to not exceed a 10% over or under run. Motion seconded by Council President Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Resolution No. 09-2026: Kansas Investor Tax Credit

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) administers the Moderate-Income Housing program through the State Housing Trust Fund, which provides loans or grants to cities or counties for infrastructure of housing development in rural areas.

On April 23, 2020, KHRC allocated \$400,000 for the Stockholm Estates Development, and on March 29, 2023, an additional \$120,000 was allocated for the project, to reduce the sale price of the homes, thus achieving the moderate-income level.

The Stockholm Estates Developers are preparing another application to build additional single-family homes in Lindsborg. The Kansas Legislature passed House Bill 2289 and established the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit program. The legislation allows investors to transfer their tax credits in the same year they are originally issued and limits the aggregate amount of the related affordable housing credits to bring housing investment dollars to communities that lack adequate housing. \$13 million/year in credits are set aside, with a specific amount allocated to smaller counties and communities; there is \$30,000 Housing Investor Tax Credit per unit, which equates to about \$27,000 that comes off the price of the home.

With approval of this resolution, City Council acknowledges that sections 1-3 of the resolution have been found to be true for the City. These findings are the result of housing studies done as part of the development, to establish the RHID, and based on the current market.

Resolution No. 09-2026 demonstrates the governing body's support for Stockholm Homebuilders LLC to apply for Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credits for new units within the development.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-2026 to support Stockholm Homebuilders LLC's application for Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credits as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Larry Lysell and passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Välkommen Trail Lighting

A grant was awarded to the City of Lindsborg through the Sunflower Foundation's *Paving the Way: From Blazing Trails to Building Community* program. The approved grant funding will support trail lighting and enhance trail programming.

These additional lights will contribute to a safer and more convenient trail experience. The proposed fixtures will be installed along the north loop of the Välkommen Trail, a newer section added in 2019. Currently, this 1.25-mile section has only two solar lights installed. An attached map identifies the proposed light installation locations.

The selected lighting fixtures are solar-powered and match the two fixtures already installed on the north loop of the trail. Using the same lighting system allows all fixtures to be controlled through one app, and the existing lights have already demonstrated proven quality and reliability.

The quote provided to Council was from First Light Technologies and included seven light fixtures and poles for a total price of \$22,892.25. No additional pricing was gathered because the City is working directly with the manufacturer and intends to maintain consistency with the existing lighting system.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to purchase seven solar lights from First Light Technologies for \$22,892.25. Motion seconded by Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Riverside Restroom Grant Application

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks administer the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which provides financial assistance for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation facilities.

The existing restroom facilities at Riverside Park have reached the end of their useful life and require replacement due to their age and deteriorating condition. The City of Lindsborg proposed constructing a new restroom facility at Riverside Park and demolishing the existing structure. The new facility is planned near the large shelter within the park and will encompass approximately 500 square feet.

The proposed building will include separate men's and women's restrooms, each with two user stations, and will be designed in compliance with all applicable building codes and accessibility requirements. The structure will be constructed of durable concrete block materials to ensure longevity and ease of maintenance. In addition, the facility will include a storage area at the rear of the building for use by the Park Department.

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for the construction of a new bathroom facility at Riverside Park. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Requested Sale of City-Owned Lot (Quit-Claim Deed)

Following direction from the City Council, staff sent a letter to the adjacent landowners of a city-owned landlocked lot with sole access via a utility easement off Columbus Street. This property used to house a city substation that has since been removed and reseeded. The lot currently has no improvements and is encumbered by two platted easements (to the City's knowledge). The letter informed the property owners of the opportunity to submit a proposal to the City Council for the purchase of the referenced lot. Two proposals have been received.

Bidder #1: \$7,600

Bidder #2: \$2,000

Staff is recommending the selection of the high bidder and the execution of a quit-claim deed. This lot is being sold as it no longer serves a purpose to the City of Lindsborg. The utility easements will remain intact which means the transaction will not compromise services provided by the City. Routine maintenance will no longer need to be performed by the Parks Department, and the property will become a taxable parcel which will contribute to the share of levied taxes.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the quit claim deed with Bidder #1 subject to the receipt of \$7,600 as referenced in the proposal letter. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta and passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

OTHER:

City Administrator Tanner Faust shared an update stating he had received communication from the Department of Commerce and SKEDD, the grant writer for the City CDBG grant, stating that the process was taking a little longer than anticipated and that the awardees will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Council President Rebecca Van Der Wege asked for a general update on ongoing projects. City Administrator Tanner Faust shared that he has been working with landowners north of town on the cow creek project. For the diversion channel project, he stated that he has been speaking with landowners to attempt obtain permanent easements. City Administrator Faust said that he is looking into a cost-share program for box culverts on K-4.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce, and passed 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk