

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
August 17, 2026–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Larry Lysell, Ericka Lysell, Andrew Smith, Lysa Palmer-Augusta, Tyler Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Clark Shultz

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Walker, David Hay, Chief Terry Reed, Noah Flores, Holly Lofton, Milton Collins, Laurin Burkhart, Quayd Burkhart, Brett Waggoner, Angie Ahlstedt, Kerrigan Guthrie, Marjorie Anderson, Josh Doak, Scott Bontz, Laura Crawley, Gabriel Wilson, Christian Erickson, Sean Wilson

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Council President Van Der Wege asked if there was any public input regarding the 2027 budget. Hearing none, Council President Van Der Wege moved on to general public comment.

Quayd Burkhart, Kerrigan Guthrie and Gabriel Wilson each spoke sharing concerns about the use of flock cameras.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Council President Van Der Wege offered a welcome and best wishes to all students, faculty, staff and parents as we start the school year. She also expressed her thanks and appreciation to five of the council members who have or are currently serving in the school system.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5604, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5605. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Request: Lindsborg Child Development Center (LCDC)

Staff was approached by Josh Doak, President of the LCDC Board, with a request for public support of the Lindsborg Child Development Center. Specifically, the request is for a \$25,000 utility credit for the facility.

As previously discussed, the City has an established policy governing the allocation of public funds; the policy was included in the council packet for council review. Mr. Doak followed the procedures outlined in that policy by presenting the request to the Council during the budget process.

The policy statement reads as follows: “The City Council of the City of Lindsborg has stewardship, management responsibility and accountability of local public funds. In the granting of funding requests from organizations, the City Council must ensure that the grant of funds meets a ‘public purpose’ and that the grantee provides accountability for the use of the local public funds.”

Regarding general fund allocations, the policy states: “The City shall not participate in any working capital or ongoing general operating funding requests by an organization.”

Under the referenced policy, the City Council has final authority over requests for direct grants of public funds and must approve any such request. The current policy addresses general fund appropriations but does not specifically address utility credits.

No action was taken by Council.

CDBG Commercial Rehab: Public Hearing

The Council adopted Resolution No. 08-2026 which provided support for the application of CDBG commercial rehabilitation funds. Significant effort has been made by the applicants to prepare the required information for submittal of the grant. The requests before you tonight provide the remaining required paperwork for the City of Lindsborg to apply on the building owners’ behalf. Within your packet you will see a dossier of CDBG application materials. Included are five documents to be signed with a blanket motion. Also included are two resolutions which will require separate motions.

Before these documents are approved, the Department of Commerce requires a public hearing to be held which should be conducted before consideration of the dossier.

There are two resolutions being considered for adoption. The first of which is a “resolution declaring a building blighted with respect to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program”. This designation will be given to the property located at 106 S Main Street. The second page of the packed details what constitutes a building blighted per state statute. A blighted property as defined must meet at least three of the thirteen conditions to be considered blighted. The recommendation is to adopt this resolution as presented. The second resolution certifies the City of Lindsborg has legal authority to apply for the CDBG program and authorized the Mayor to sign and submit such application. I would also ask the council to adopt this resolution as presented.

The following documents listed require signatures for the application submission. The first of which is a statement of assurances and certifications. The second is a city attestation statement. The third is a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan. The fourth of which is a HUD Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Report. Lastly, a determination of level of review document that outlines the project and speaks to the environmental impact.

Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved to open the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Larry Lysell and passed 7-0 by voice vote. Having no public comment, Council President Van Der Wege closed the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2026 declaring 106 South Main Street to be a blighted property with respect to the Kansas Small Cities CDBG program. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-2026 certifying legal authority to apply for the CDBG program and authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit such application. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the associated application materials subject to the review of the city attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Contract: City Planning Services

It has been my observation that more complex city planning matters, such as platting, new development, and policy adaptation, may require the expertise of a city planning consultant to ensure we provide the highest level of service to our community. In speaking with a peer from the Wichita metropolitan area, I learned that their city contracts with The Baughman Company, specifically Russ Ewy, an AICP-certified planner, for planning services that extend beyond the general knowledge and training of staff.

I ask the Council to consider approval of a similar contract, with the understanding that consulting services would be used only on a limited, as-needed basis. Access to an AICP-certified planner would support our Community Development Department in addressing complex planning matters, including rezonings, platting, and master planning, with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

The contract provides services on an as-needed basis with no retainer fee. In addition, either party may terminate the agreement with 15 days' notice.

Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved to approve the contract with the Baughman Company at a rate of \$150 an hour, not to exceed eight hours a month, for city planning consulting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Cow Creek Grading Project

Over the past five years, the City has completed improvements intended to increase channel capacity throughout the northern half of the community. While these improvements increased the capacity and flow of the channel within the City, they have not produced the anticipated overall drainage benefits due to a restriction at the north end of the City.

The previous phase of the project appropriately ended at the City limits based on the scope of work authorized by the City. However, the increased channel capacity has resulted in water moving more quickly to the City limits, where it encounters what is effectively a levee or damming effect. This has contributed to water retention and pooling throughout portions of northern Lindsborg, particularly during significant rainfall events.

Staff have been working with Randy and Willard Keding to identify a potential solution that would extend the channel improvements beyond the City limits. The Keding's have provided a proposal through their excavation business to complete the necessary dirt work on their property in accordance with the engineer's specifications.

There has also been interest in extending the drainage improvements farther north, including areas beyond 14th Avenue and beyond Wheatridge. A significant stand of trees near the north end of

Wheatridge appears to restrict drainage flow and may contribute to flooding and water backup into Cow Creek and westward toward the Garfield Channel.

While these additional improvements could potentially provide further flood-control benefits, staff recommends carefully considering the use of City stormwater funds for work outside the City limits.

Staff will contact the County to determine whether there may be an opportunity for County participation or financial assistance with improvements in these areas.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to authorize the Cow Creek grading project in an amount not to exceed \$63,640. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Larry Lysell and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Flock Camera: Annual Payment

In 2024 City Council approved a subscription to Flock Safety, encompassing two fixed cameras outfitted with automated license plate recognition (ALPR) software. The cameras were installed in 2024, the first in July and the second in October. In 2025, funds were allocated for a third camera to be installed with a two-year subscription from Flock Safety. That camera could not be installed until May of 2026 due to permitting and installation delays.

The initial 24-month subscription for the first two fixed cameras from Flock Safety has ended and will now renew on an annual basis for a one-year term at a cost of \$3,000 for each camera.

ALPR cameras function autonomously, capturing images of vehicles and their license plates upon entry into the City. The collected data is stored in a database, enabling the identification of wanted vehicles and assisting in the resolution of local crimes.

Given resource constraints, adopting Flock ALPR technology serves as a force multiplier for law enforcement, enhancing staff's ability to observe city entrances without having to have personnel fixed at those locations. These cameras will promptly alert on-duty officers whenever a wanted vehicle is detected.

Flock Safety stands as the sole manufacturer and developer of the Flock Safety ALPR cameras. Moreover, it is the sole provider of license plate recognition (LPR) technology integrated into AXON's three mobile cameras for patrol cars. Flock Safety also provides lifetime maintenance and support for their camera system.

The Lindsborg Police Department was awarded \$78,000 from the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act 2026 to pay for five fixed cameras for a period of five years. Application was submitted to the Department of Justice FY 2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Program on July 23, 2026, with an anticipated notification date on or after October 1, 2026.

Costs incurred on or after January 23, 2026, may be reimbursed after the notification date.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the payment of two Flock Safety ALPR camera annual subscription invoice with a requirement for the policy to be evaluated for change prior to the October meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Larry Lysell and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 13-2026: Street Dance Special Event Permit

An application has been received from Ol Stuga Lindsborg Kansas, LLC, for a Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) Permit in conjunction with the Street Dance scheduled for September 26, 2026. At the request of the Street Dance Committee, Ol Stuga proposes to operate a beer garden during the event.

In conjunction with the permit application, Ol Stuga has submitted a request for a temporary extension of its licensed premises. The requested extension would allow service to extend from their establishment out the front entrance to the west, encompassing portions of the adjoining city sidewalk and Main Street designated as the beer garden area.

To submit the request for temporary extension of premise to the State of Kansas, the application must be accompanied by a City-approved resolution authorizing the event location since it is on city property.

Ol Stuga will be responsible for operating and staffing the beer garden. Staff will check identification and monitor access at the entry point to ensure compliance with all applicable state and local regulations. The proposed hours of operation are 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Ol Stuga Lindsborg Kansas, LLC, holds a valid State of Kansas liquor license authorizing the sale of both cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor.

As was approved for the 2025 Hyllningsfest beer garden, staff recommends allowing the sale and consumption of both cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor within the designated Street Dance beer garden area. The Hyllningsfest beer garden operated without any reported conduct or public safety issues.

Should the City Council support this recommendation, staff can prepare a future agenda item for an ordinance authorizing the special event permit and the service of both cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor for future events.

Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved to approve Resolution No. 13-2026 authorizing the Special Event CMB Permit, temporary extension of premises, and the sale and consumption of both cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor within the designated Street Dance beer garden on September 26, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk