LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
October 19, 2026–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tanner Faust, Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, David Hay, Noah Flores, Denny Walker, Chief Reed, Kerrigan Guthrie, Brandon Burch, Scott Bontz, Gabriel Wilson

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

PUBLIC INPUT:
Kerrigan Guthrie asked Council if they had any questions of her. Gabriel Wilson spoke on flock cameras.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:
There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:
Councilmember Ericka Lysell presented at The Governors' Behavioral Health Services Planning council last week.

Dr. Laura Crawley's inauguration is 10 a.m. on Saturday at Presser Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA
Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the October 05, 2026, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5614, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5615. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:
There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS:
Fire Truck Lease Agreement
The City Council approved the purchase of the new Rosenbauer fire truck in 2024 and subsequently approved payment of the chassis invoice to keep the final lease amount as low as possible. The apparatus has now been scheduled to be completed by October 26, 2026, and staff is requesting approval of a lease-purchase agreement through First Bank Kansas for the remaining balance of $326,798.00. The proposed financing carries an interest rate of 6.0% and will require annual payments of $68,800, with the first payment due October 20, 2027, one year after execution of the lease agreement.

The financing is expected to be repaid over approximately six years. Based on the proposed terms, the total repayment over the life of the lease is estimated to be approximately $398,595 including roughly

$71,800 in interest. The lease-purchase structure provides a predictable annual payment schedule and maintains the City's financial flexibility.

Councilmember Ericka Lysell moved to approve the Lease Purchase Agreement in the amount of $326,798.00, with First Bank Kansas to finance the remaining amount due for the Rosenbauer fire truck. Motion was seconded by Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Amendment: Lindsborg Fire Department Honorarium Policy
The City's existing Fire Department Honorarium Policy establishes a run reimbursement system and a service honorarium that provides fixed compensation based on years of service. The proposed amendment adds a new section identifying stipend positions within the volunteer fire department, including the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Secretary, Reporting Officer, and two new Maintenance positions. The Maintenance positions will be responsible for routine inspections and maintenance of fire trucks, equipment, and generators located at the Public Safety Center.

The addition of the Maintenance positions is intended to provide greater consistency and accountability for preventative maintenance of critical fire department equipment. Investing in routine inspections and maintenance is expected to help identify issues before they result in larger, more costly repairs and provide greater assurance that vehicles and equipment are maintained in operational condition.

Councilmember Larry Lysell moved to amend the Fire Honorarium Policy to formally incorporate existing stipend positions and add two maintenance stipend positions. Motion was seconded by Council President Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Rural Fire District #8 Agreement
The agreement between the City of Lindsborg and Rural Fire District No. 8 is reviewed and updated annually. This agreement states that the City provides services and vehicle storage for the rural fire district, as well as the payment to volunteer firefighters for rural fire runs. In return, the rural fire district pays a fee to the City for these services plus a set amount for the fire runs.

Proposed in the 2027 agreement is a three percent (3%) increase in the fee for City-provided services and vehicle storage.

New to the agreement: $3,000 per year to fund a stipend for a City firefighter designated to inspect and maintain all vehicles owned by Rural Fire District No 8.

This agreement will be on the Rural Fire District No. 8 agenda for their October 27, 2026, meeting.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the 2027 Rural Fire Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and Rural Fire District No. 8. Motion was seconded by Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant Documents
The Kansas Department of Commerce recently notified staff that the City of Lindsborg had been awarded $300,000 in CDBG Housing Rehabilitation funding. With the public announcement made by the Department of Commerce, the City may proceed with execution of the required grant documents. The grant agreement is included in the Council packet for review.

Council first discussed the program during a study session on September 2, 2025, facilitated by South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). Council's next formal action occurred on March 2, 2026, with a public hearing and the adoption of Resolution No. 05-2026, which authorized the

City's application for CDBG funding. As part of the application process, the City also held a town hall meeting at the Sundstrom Conference Center, which helped generate more than two dozen pre-applications from interested property owners.

Grant funds will now be distributed to eligible homeowners who meet established program requirements and may also be utilized for housing rehabilitation and demolition (under qualifying circumstances). The next step will be to formalize an application review and scoring process to determine funding priorities. The scoring system is anticipated to consider factors including prior submission of a pre-application, household income, property needs, program eligibility, and other relevant criteria.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to authorize the execution of the grant documents as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

Ordinance No. 5616: Disqualifications for CMB License
Upon a recent review of the City's cereal malt beverage licensing process, staff identified provisions within Section 4-46 of the Lindsborg City Code that no longer align with current Kansas law. Section 4-46 currently provides that a license may not be issued to an individual who has not been a Kansas resident for at least one year immediately preceding the application and a McPherson County resident for at least six months prior to filing.

Current state statute (K.S.A. 41-2703) no longer contains these residency requirements. The City's existing language therefore reflects an earlier version of state law and should be removed to bring the local licensing provisions into alignment with the current statute.

The proposed amendment also updates the City's provisions regarding business entities. Section 4-46 currently addresses partnerships and corporations, including the qualifications of corporate managers, officers, directors, and stockholders owning more than 25 percent of the corporation, but does not separately address limited liability companies.

In conclusion, this amendment will bring our policy into agreement with Kansas state statute and remove the residency requirement as well as specifically address LLCs in the same fashion as state law.

Councilmember Lysa Palmer-Augusta moved to approve Ordinance 5616 amending Section 4-46 of Lindsborg Municipal Code relating to disqualifications for cereal malt beverage licensure. Motion seconded by Ericka Lysell and passed 7-0 by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:
Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk