

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL  
November 5, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present** – Ed Radatz, Rick Martin, David Higbee, Blaine Heble, Betty Nelson, Jodi Duncan, Corey Peterson, & Becky Anderson

**Absent** – Mark Friesen

**Others Present** – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Chris Lindholm, Beth Ferguson, Gary Shogren, Holly Lofton, Larry Lindgren, Bill Gusenius, Roxie Sjogren, Matt Clark, Darren Ebling, Paul Mahlberg & Neal Daney

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Becky Anderson and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Public Input** – None

**Amendments to the Agenda** – Add the appointment of City Clerk and delete Executive Session

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Anderson remarked on the open house for the newest renovation by Jim Prugh and company, the busy weekends in Lindsborg of late, the showing of "Eating Animals" at the Pearson chapel, Maker's Street and the Christmas preview, the concert at the Sandzen Gallery, and the retirement reception for Gaylene Butler and Jerry Lovett-Sperling on November 16 at the JOS Conference Center.

**Consent Agenda** – Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018, regular council meeting and Payroll Ordinance 5140 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5141. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Appointments** – Betty Nelson moved to approve the appointment of Marla Aguilar to EMS. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

Committee Appointments – Betty Nelson moved to approve the citizen committee appointment as follows: LIBRARY BOARD – Phyllis Kelling & Phillip Hett; HOUSING AUTHORITY – Sarah Zehnder & Martha Danielson; RECREATION ADVISORY – Dane Pavlovich & Kelsey Swisher; PLANNING & ZONING – Dale Whetstone, Molly Johnson; BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Norman Dauer & Marv Anderson; CEMETERY BOARD – Roy Lister; DESIGN REVIEW – L'Jean Swisher & Jeannette Martin; GOLF COURSE ADVISORY – Brian Bengtson, Jim Osner & Bill Parrish; TREE BOARD – Karmon Almquist & Bob Ash; CVB ADVISORY – Justin Burton & Cindy Bahtka; JOS CONFERENCE CENTER – Mike Sample. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed.

**Planning & Zoning** – no action required

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** –

**EMP3 Agreement Between KMEA and City of Lindsborg** - The EMP3 Agreement between KMEA and the City of Lindsborg provides an opportunity for Lindsborg to partner with other municipal electric utilities to provide a reliable, efficient and more economical power supply. This project also serves to create larger economies of scale through joint action for the benefit of the customers of

Lindsborg's electric utility. Blaine Heble moved to approve the Energy Management Project No. 3 Agreement between the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and the City of Lindsborg. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Amendment 1 to the EMP3 Agreement** - This is the first amendment to the EMP3 Agreement. It modifies the original agreement by deleting some Service Schedules under Article X.; removes the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of Article X. and replaces it with a new paragraph; provides for a variable operations and maintenance inputs and includes it in the energy cost calculation; and adds an Exculpation Clause which reads, "Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Agreement or the Service Schedules thereto, each Service Power Participant shall determine in their sole discretion whether to accept a recommendation by the Joint Operating Committee to utilize generate, purchase, construct additions to, or make reductions to, the Participants' electric generation, transmission, or distribution assets." This amendment also changes the notice of termination from 3 years written notice to 2 years written notice. Betty Nelson moved to approve the amendment as presented. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed

**Resolution No. 05-18 – Authorize Execution of Power Supply Agreements** - Resolution No. 05-18 approves and authorizes the Mayor to sign the two power purchase agreements between the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) and the City of Lindsborg. The energy will be supplied by NextEra Energy Marketing LLC.

The first power supply agreement is for 1 megawatt of firm energy, 24 hours per day, 7days a week (7x24). The term is from June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2027. The current agreement with Westar Energy expires May 31, 2020.

The second power supply agreement is for 2 megawatts of firm energy to be supplied Monday – Friday, from June 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020, and from June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021(5x16). This is often referred to as peaking energy.

The agreement length is 2 years. The agreement length is only for 2 years to provide flexibility in securing future power supply resources that have the potential to be available, such as a utility scale solar project.

Both power supply agreements provide the specifics for the amount of energy, contract price, and length of agreement, both have a Governing Agreement identified in section 3 and as Attachment A. The is the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Master Power Purchase and Sales Agreement (Version 2.1, modified April 25, 2000.

Resolution 05-18 also commits the City of Lindsborg to pledging revenue to make payments for the energy purchased under these agreements, as well as to establish rates sufficient to pay all operating expenses of the electric utility and the payments required under the two purchase power agreements.

Rick Martin moved to adopt Resolution 05-18 approving 7x24 and 5x16 energy agreements and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreements. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Public Safety Radios** - McPherson County has signed a contract and is starting the installation of a new radio system using the public safety regulated P-25 frequency equipment. We are currently on an EDAC frequency system and it will be discontinued by the end of 2019. We have been tied to Harris radios with the EDAC system but the P-25 is open to other radio sources. We have looked at TATE, KENWOOD, HARRIS and MOTOROLA for radio sources. TATE is the cheapest radio with no bells and whistles and very little other than it works. It is also an untested radio (not used by many).

The two radios that we looked at that were the closest in specs to each other were the Motorola APX 900 and the Harris XG-75. Motorola was the cheapest purchase in the portable radios and had the longest warranty offer. Harris was also very close on the mobile radio and had double the warranty time. Repairs on radio were set by Motorola at a flat rate of \$80/hour or a maximum of \$430 to fix a radio. KaComm repair was at \$125/hour with no maximum limit. Installation of mobile radios were not included in either bid. Radio programming was figured into the Motorola bid. KaComm would charge a \$300 programming fee for each service (fire)(ems)(police).

EMS would be able to use their mobile system right away on the state system and could then talk to dispatch from wherever they take a patient. The rest of us will only be able to use the Motorola after the switch over unless we set up our own bank of frequencies through the state system until the switch over. Harris radios would have both the EDAC and P-25 programmed so the transition from one to the other would be easier. Fire radios are a little more as they must be Intrinsically safe for I.S.O. purposes. We have \$14,000 budgeted for PD, \$14,000 for Fire and \$10,000 for EMS in 2018 and the same amounts were budgeted in 2017 and not spent due to budget timing.

David Higbee moved to purchase 5 Motorola APX900's and 2 Motorola APX1500's for EMS; 9 APX900's and 2 APX1500's for Fire; and 11 APX900's for Police for a total of \$76,574.45 from TBS Electronics. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Välkommen Trail Phase 2 Match** – The City's match for the Välkommen Trail Extension is due on or before 11/15/18. Construction will begin between January and June 2019 and must be completed within 70 days. Pre-payment of the match was a condition of our June 2018 contract with KDOT. We asked for and received a time deferment of the actual cash transfer until November. Blaine Heble moved to approve payment to KDOT in the amount of \$146,000 as required for matching of Maximum Federal Funds for the Välkommen Trail Phase 2 project. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Christmas Lighting Contest** - The City of Lindsborg has sponsored a holiday lighting display contest. We all enjoy seeing Lindsborg dressed up for the season. Children and adults alike appreciate seeing their neighborhoods sparkle with the spirit of their neighbors decorating efforts. The homes are judged anonymously and awarded cash prizes of "Lindsborg Loot" redeemable at any Lindsborg business. Rick Martin moved to approve the Christmas Lighting program for 2018. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed by roll call vote with Corey Peterson abstaining and all others voting yes.

**Health Insurance Renewal** - In 2013, the City of Lindsborg established health insurance coverage through the use of umbrella coverage and a health reimbursement account (HRA). On December 1, 2013, the health insurance program was renewed so it would have "grandfathered" status and not be required to meet all the terms of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Switching to an HRA has allowed better health coverage cost control.

Prior to this renewal, dental coverage was self-insured. The renewal and the costs of renewal are based upon going with BCBS Dental Care program. The BCBS Dental Care program provides greater benefits to employees and at a lower cost than self-insuring.

The proposed policy and coverage represents a 1.85% decrease in employer cost over 2018. Blaine Heble moved to approve the umbrella health insurance and dental coverage with provider Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a \$6,500/\$13,000 deductible and for the employee contribution to health insurance cost remain at the 2018 health insurance contribution levels. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Contract Lobbyist** - Goal 3 of the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan is to: "Create new partnerships and avenues for the efficient and effective delivery of municipal services." The following strategies are outlined in the goal: Expand the Mayor and City Council in year-round state government advocacy." "Organize an annual Lindsborg delegation to the Kansas statehouse during the legislative session." To effectively achieve these goals, it has been discussed and the general consensus that the City employ the services of a contract lobbyist to help build and enhance relationships with state legislators, executives and agencies within the state. Four government relations firms have been interviewed and a Request for Proposal was sent to three firms. The request for proposal and the three proposals are attached for review. Firms submitting proposals are: · Braden, Heidner & Lowe · Federico Consulting · Hein Governmental Consulting

Betty Nelson moved to enter into agreement with Federico Consulting for governmental relations services and to encumber \$4,000 for the months of November and December 2018. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote

**Appointment** – Mayor Anderson submitted Roxie Sjogren to fill the position of City Clerk for the City of Lindsborg. Rick Martin moved to approve the appointment. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed. The retiring City Clerk, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, administered the Oath of Office.

#### **Executive Session –**

**Other** – Blaine Heble asked for an update on the dog park. The water hydrants are in place and the fence contractor is getting ready to install phase one of the fencing. \* Corey Peterson asked about funding for the Christmas lights on public property. City covers the cost of the electricity and provides assistance for the taller trees with the bucket truck. Perhaps look at getting professional help with lighting. \* The consensus of the public meeting on the "wellness/rec center" is to perhaps write a grant to get funding for professional consultants to assist.

**Adjournment** - Moved by David Higbee and passed. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC  
City Clerk