LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

August 20, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

**Absent –** Corey Peterson

**Others Present** – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Chris Lindholm, Beth Ferguson, Gary Shogren, Holly Lofton, Larry Lindgren, Dan Carr, Tim Karstetter, Stephen Klaassen, Ryan Van Dusen, Trevor Kemp, Mike Wallen & Susan Achenbach

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

**Public Input** – Stephan Klaassen, of Swede Government Association, gave an update on the opening of Alma Swensson Hall and improvements at Presser Hall. He noted that groups will be available for service projects throughout the year. Current enrollment is 750.

Mike Wallen, a resident of 40 years, commented on the signs at the entrances to town, that the city could benefit from immigrants and concern over the separation of children from families.

**Amendments to the Agenda** – none

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Anderson welcomed Tim Karstetter, filling in for City Attorney Bill Gusenius. She offered congratulations to Lindsborg on the recent community water fight and the Landmark Concert on the Old Mill Bridge. Upcoming events include the backyard BBQ Contest and fundraiser for the after prom party and street dance.

The next council meeting will be September 4th because of the holiday on Monday, the reception for Dr. Rosebraugh is Thursday the 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Mary Erikson has donated a painting to the city of Swedish Dancers.

**Consent Agenda –** Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018, regular council meeting, the August 13, 2018 special council meeting and Payroll Ordinance 5128 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5129. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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

**Planning & Zoning** – none

**Old Business** – none

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**New Business –** FISH POND CONCEPT PROPOSAL – Swensson Park’s fountain has been inoperable for over 10 years. Recent attempts to restore the fishpond as a water feature have been expensive. Staff presents, for discussion only, the idea of converting the space to a memorial garden dedicated to the memory of Alma Swensson. At minimal cost to the City, the structure would be filled with garden soil and planted with suitable perennials such as grasses and native wildflowers. The existing fence would be removed. A plaque or kiosk would be installed, explaining the significance of the site, originally the basement of Dr. Carl and Alma Swensson’s parsonage home. Benches would be placed in the shady area surrounding the garden, creating a space for reflection and quiet relaxation. Bethany Lutheran Church has expressed interest in participating in a renovation of the fishpond. This could further reduce the City’s cost for the project. If directed by Council, proposals from landscape designers would be solicited. The goal is to complete the project this year, in advance of next year’s Sesquicentennial events. It was the consensus of council to move ahead with the concept plan for the Alma Swensson Memorial Garden at Swensson Park, and direct staff to present a formal proposal as soon as available

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE DALA HORSE REQUEST – The Sesquicentennial Committee has requested Council approval to place a Wild Dala horse on the sidewalk in front of the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center. The preferred location would be close to the intersection of Main and Lincoln Streets. Blaine Heble moved to allow the Sesquicentennial Committee to place a Wild Dala horse on the front sidewalk of the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

RESOLUTION 04-18 – 307 N WASHINGTON – Letters were sent to the residence of Marshal Hawkinson at 307 North Washington Street requesting that he clean up trash and debris and remove an abandoned vehicle on the property. Rick Martin moved to

adoptResolution 04-18 to abate the property of debris and the 2000 Chrysler Town

and Country Van with VIN 1C4GP64L4YB627818. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES VOTING DELEGATES – The League of Kansas Municipalities will hold its annual business meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018. State law provides that the governing body of each member city of the League may elect city delegates from among the city’s officers to represent the city in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League. By virtue of our population, Lindsborg may have 2 voting delegates and 2 alternate voting delegates. The elected and appointed officials who will be attending the LKM Conference are: Becky Anderson, Rick Martin, Jerry Lovett‐Sperling and Greg DuMars. It was moved and seconded to select Becky Anderson and Greg DuMars as voting delegates and Rick Martin and Jerry Lovett-Sperling as alternate delegates. Motion passed.

RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #8 AGREEMENT - The agreement between the City of Lindsborg and the 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 2019 agreement is a 3% increase in the fee for City-provided services and vehicle storage. The amount increases from $7,920 annually to $8,160 annually. This agreement has already been approved by Rural Fire District No. 8.

Betty Nelson moved to approve the agreement with Rural Fire District #8. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

**Executive Session** – ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – Blaine Heble moved to go into executive session to discuss a claim against the City pursuant to the attorney-client privilege exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for 10 minutes and to include the city attorney and city administrator. The meeting will resume at 7:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. The meeting resumed at 7:17 with no binding action taken.

**Other –**

**Adjournment –** David Higbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk