



the Lindsborg City View

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ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

The City of Lindsborg and Westar Energy have been working together to improve the reliability of electric service to the community and improve response time when an outage occurs. Westar Energy provides the electric transmission and distribution lines that serve Lindsborg. Since 2010, there have been seven outages where the entire city lost power. These outages have lasted from a minimum of 50 minutes to as long as 2 ½ hours. The focus has been on reducing the outages, plus shortening the time when an outage does occur.

EFFORT -- n.

- 1.) *exertion of physical or mental power*
 - 2.) *an earnest or strenuous attempt*
 - 3.) *something done by exertion or hard work*
 - 4.) *an achievement, as in literature or art*
 - 5.) *the amount of exertion or hard work*
- see more at www.dictionary.com*

Currently, Lindsborg has two electric distribution feeds into the Union Street Substation. The primary feed runs 18 miles from the West McPherson Substation. This feed has served the community for several decades. The secondary feed comes from the Smoky Hill Substation by Salina and serves as a backup when the primary feed is lost. Even with the secondary feed, there is still a time lag before electric service can be restored. Before the restoration of service, an inspection of the lines is required to ensure there is not an electrical back feed causing a safety issue for the line workers, then switching between the two feeds is done manually.

Currently under construction approximately one half mile west of Lindsborg on Wells Fargo Road, is the new Coronado Substation. When completed, this new substation will be the new source for the primary electric feed into the Union Street Substation. For the Union Substation to receive electric power from the Coronado Substation, a new distribution line must be constructed. The construction of the new distribution line will begin after the first of the year. The route of the new line will run from the Coronado Substation south to Wells Fargo Road. At Wells Fargo Road, the line will then run east to Coronado Avenue and then turn south to Union Street. At Union Street the line will turn and run on the south side of the street heading east into the Union Street Substation.

So how does this new line improve reliability? The new line is approximately 1 mile long compared to the current primary feed that is 18 miles long. This reduces the length of line that can be negatively impacted by summer and winter storms. The 18 mile line from the McPherson Substation is at least 30 years old. The feed from the Coronado Substation will be all new poles and new electric conductor. Both the shorter distance and newer conductor improve electric reliability. In addition, this new line will add a third level of redundancy if the power does go out. If the community does lose power, the time of the outage will be shortened because the Coronado Substation will be equipped with automatic switches which can be activated remotely, eliminating the need for manual switching.

The construction of the Coronado Substation began this past summer. The new distribution line into the Union Street Substation is scheduled to begin construction after the first of the year. The entire project is scheduled to be completed and the substation along with the distribution line are to be energized and operational June 1, 2017.



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Mark Friesen was sworn in as a member of the City of Lindsborg's Governing Body this past September. Councilman Friesen is the Marketing Director for CivicPlus. He grew up in Inman and now resides in Lindsborg with his wife and two children. His views and knowledge, regarding our community, will help him while making decisions for the good of the city. Thank you Mark for representing the residents of Ward 2.

ONE PEOPLE ~ LOVE ALL

RESOLUTION NO. 14-16

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS WITHIN THE CITY OF LINDSBORG.

WHEREAS, Lindsborg is a community of caring people who have created a healthy, safe and secure place for people of all geographic, ethnic, economic, religious, and lifestyle backgrounds to live, learn, work, raise their children and age with dignity; and

WHEREAS, fundamentally, tolerance is a personal decision that comes from an attitude that is learnable and embraceable - a belief that every person in earth is a treasure, vital to the health and prosperity of all; and

WHEREAS, one of the core values of the City of Lindsborg is to treat all persons with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Lindsborg is a community promoting tolerance and inclusion while focusing on how we interact, with our families, our neighbors, our visitors, our guests and our coworkers by respecting them and ourselves; and

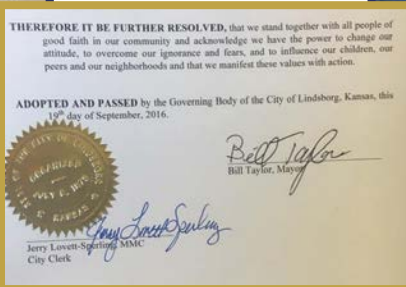
WHEREAS, the City of Lindsborg values all of its citizens and recognizes that ethnicities have contributed to the strength of character of the citizens of Lindsborg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lindsborg recognizes the strength in diversity and inclusiveness its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, we the people of Lindsborg, in keeping with the principle of equal civil for all, unequivocally oppose any manifestation of hatred and prejudice toward group or individual in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lindsborg representatives shall not condone or tolerate any form of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, familial status, national origin, orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, veteran status; and

Mayor Bill Taylor signs A Resolution Supporting and Promoting Diversity and Inclusiveness Within the City of Lindsborg as Bethany College President, Will Jones, looks on. It was a unanimous decision by the Lindsborg City Council to adopt this resolution. Bethany College is a vital element in adding to the City of Lindsborg's diverse and welcoming environment.



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3rd Annual **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST** **LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS!!**

The City of Lindsborg is sponsoring the third holiday lighting display contest! This year's theme is "Light Up The Holidays" Light up your houses! Try and win the prize!

Contest Rules Include:

- Open to any single residence within the city limits of Lindsborg.
- Must submit a registration form to enter the contest. The form can be found on the city website at www.lindsborgcity.org or one can be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours.
- Deadline to register is December 8, 2016.
- Anonymous judging will occur between December 9 and 16, 2016. Prizes will be awarded on December 19.
- With permission from the primary occupant of the home, those winning displays may be posted to our website, facebook page and the Lindsborg City View.

Best Residential Display: 1st Place = \$300 2nd Place = \$150 3rd Place = \$50
(Monetary awards will be in "Lindsborg Loot" which will be good at any business establishment in Lindsborg)

The winning homes for 2015 are pictured below. Thank you to everyone who entered the contest.



Extra Effort & Going Extra Miles Equals Happy Visitors in Lindsborg

A simple phone call to answer questions about a possible visit to Lindsborg ended up in a five-day September stay for a group of nursing students, graduates of the Marymount College class of 1957. This group of women, bringing with them husbands and daughters, changed their annual plan to meet in Las Vegas, hoping that they would be able to tour the Marymount College campus and reminisce about their college days. Most of this group had not been back to this area in years.

The Lindsborg Convention and Visitors Bureau always goes out of our way to assist visitors with planning a trip to Lindsborg, but this group wanted things out of the ordinary scope of our typical travel assistance to visitors. Could we



get permission for them to tour the Marymount College Campus? What about Brookville Chicken for a lunch? What about visiting the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene? Would they really have a better time staying in Lindsborg? Would the hospitality really be that different? CVB staff began making phone calls and putting in the extra effort to help this group in planning their trip.

Over the course of several months, this group changed its schedule, meal plans, adding and cutting activities until they were certain that their group would be satisfied not only their itinerary but would also feel they had the time to rest and relax and, most importantly, “catch up” with each other.

While not every activity these women requested was in Lindsborg, they spent every night here, enjoying meals and shopping downtown, all activities within walking distance of their lodging; an important part of this group’s needs. Evenings that they knew they would be tired and ready to rest, local businesses catered meals directly to the Swedish Country Inn.

The last evening here, this fun group of women requested to eat their last meal in Lindsborg, but wanted something fun and light. They spent their last evening on the patio of Tradhuset, cooking hot dogs and s’mores over a fire pit. This ended up being the one activity they requested again. Yes, again. They decided to give up their 2017 Las Vegas reunion plans and return to Lindsborg again next September. The extra effort that was clearly given by each and every entity that interacted with them during their visit to Lindsborg made this a memorable experience that they are still talking about.

Next year? We are already making plans and will spend more time in Lindsborg because “this is an amazing place.” Just ask a graduate of the Marymount Class of 1957.



Lindsborg Arts Council Hosted The Big Boo Ha Ha

The Lindsborg Arts Council hosted a spooktacular Halloween event on Friday, October 28, 2016 at the J.O. Sundstrom Conference Center (SCC).

Guests who attended the Big Boo Ha Ha event were given a unique artistic experience upon their arrival. This year the event was held on the second floor of the of the SCC.

The hall was set with tables that were decorated by Lindsborg businesses and supporters. The tablescapes have been voted on by the guests through cash donation. All monies raised through the table contest went on to fund scholarships.

Guests were encouraged, but not required to attend the event in costume. Cash prizes were awarded to the best costume and the best couple or group costume.

Live music was provided by the Wichita-based band, Aces and Eights. The wide range of music culture and years of experience have made Aces and Eights unlike any other band. Their unique sound complements the movement of today's music but brings forth the best riffs, melodies, and rhythmic grooves gleaned from all styles of music.

Courtesy photos via Facebook Lindsborg Arts Council and other Lindsborg business owner's pages.



An Option for Stormwater Management

Flooding is a major concern for many neighborhoods in Lindsborg. Storm sewers, culverts and a host of other stormwater infrastructure components require constant upkeep and repair. Likewise, improvements to our stormwater channels and diversion ditches are necessary to prevent future flooding, but funding for capital improvements is scarce.

The stormwater utility is a good option for local governments to respond to these challenges. Setting up a stormwater utility allows a community to establish a user fee based on the demands property owners place on the drainage system. It provides a dedicated revenue stream for stormwater programs. It also provides an incentive for institutions, business owners and developers to reduce the amount of runoff they generate. The need to prevent flood damage is community-wide in scope and requires a community-wide source of revenue.



What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water that runs off impervious surfaces such as rooftops, paved roads, driveways, and packed gravel roads.

Stormwater carries sediment and surface pollutants such as petroleum products, trash, phosphorus, and nitrogen. Stormwater is washed down storm drains. In Lindsborg, stormwater is not treated before it empties into the Smoky Hill River and the surrounding countryside.





Why a Stormwater Utility?

The purpose of the stormwater utility is to create a dedicated revenue stream to finance stormwater projects based on a fee structure linking the amount of stormwater runoff created by property owners to the amount of money these property owners pay toward upkeep of the system. Unlike the property tax, stormwater utility fees may be assessed on all properties, regardless of their taxable status. As proposed, fees will be based on the square feet of impervious area on a property. Residential customers will be charged a flat fee based on the

average impervious area for all single family parcels in the community. Commercial and institutional properties will be charged a fee representing the actual amount of impervious area. Fee revenue will be placed in a separate fund and used only for stormwater management purposes.

Taxes vs. Utility

Stormwater management is currently funded through property tax. Under the current system, some property owners are overpaying for stormwater services, while others are being subsidized. For example, although institutions (schools, churches, hospitals, etc.) cover over 20% of the landmass of our community, they are exempt from property tax and do not contribute to the maintenance of stormwater systems.

What's Next

Study of the proposed Stormwater Utility is now underway. A stormwater advisory committee representing major institutions, business interests and the public at large has been formed to assist the city in determining whether a stormwater utility is the best solution for funding stormwater needs. Results of the study are expected in Spring 2017, with possible implementation later next year.





Tips for Recruiting Volunteers



AROUND THE NATION, thousands of communities rely on the dedication of volunteer EMTs and paramedics to provide lifesaving emergency medical response.

Yet volunteers can be difficult to recruit and maintain. For many, their paid jobs,

school and family responsibilities have to come first.

Chris Matthews, director of Lindsborg EMS, a volunteer agency that serves the 3,500 residents of Lindsborg, Kansas, knew he needed to step up his recruiting to continue to staff an ambulance with a two-person crew 24-7.

"We had gotten down to 12 volunteers. We get one to two calls a day, so it was a lot for our group to handle, especially during the day. Almost all of our folks are in school or working," said Matthews, who also works as a pastor.

But putting up posters on community bulletin boards and placing ads in his local newspaper weren't generating enough interest. So Matthews turned to social media.

In less than a year of promoting EMT certification and volunteer opportunities on Facebook, Lindsborg EMS now has 22 volunteers. Matthews offers these tips on using social media to enhance recruitment of volunteers.

1 Set up an EMS agency Facebook page, and include agency news, information about upcoming initial education classes, and sponsorship or scholarship opportunities. If it's too much to keep up with frequent posts, partner with your city or your police department to post items about EMS on their page.

2 In Lindsborg, grants from the state and city cover EMT certification for people willing to commit to two years as a volunteer. To get the word out about the scholarships, Matthews has also set up a Facebook page specifically for recruiting, focusing on the EMT class, which he offers twice a year.

3 In the months leading up to the class, he shares the link widely by copying and pasting the url on his agency Facebook page as well as on local news, city government, community events or buy-sell-trade pages. Ask your volunteers to share it as well.

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When people message you to ask questions, Matthews encourages them to post the questions publicly to increase activity on the page. Encourage your volunteers to get involved and post responses to questions to give potential recruits the perspective of current volunteers.

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To get more people to see information about your class, create a sponsored post (basically, a paid advertisement.) Matthews chose an option that cost \$1 a day. He ran it for a month, targeting a specific age range and geographic area.

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As the EMT class approaches, he creates a "closed group" Facebook page specifically for new recruits, where he provides class information and other details.

"You have to understand that cultural changes and the way that people communicate and what they pay attention to has changed," Matthews said. "We have found Facebook to be a powerful tool in the recruitment process."



Brent Heizelman (right) was recruited by Chris Matthews as a new EMT. Brent is pictured here with Mayor Bill Taylor after being appointed at the August 15, 2016 City Council Meeting.

Lindsborg EMS Director, Chris Matthews, wrote this article. It was published in the National Association of EMT News magazine. He is dedicated to recruiting volunteers for the Lindsborg EMS team. In the past year he has recruited over six EMTs that spend their time helping those in need. Thank you Chris for your service and your dedication to recruiting strong, capable, willing volunteers for the Lindsborg EMS team!

NAEMT NEWS FALL 2016

This message was received from Lindsborg Chief of Police, Tim Berggren, on uniting against hate.

"Hate is a terrible thing that can grow and consume a person or group. Not all hate events are criminal but hate most often leads to violence or malicious behavior which is why it is important to report all acts of hate to the police. Hate may not start as a crime but it can certainly develop quickly. When a hate crime does occur it is important for the police to be able to show a history of events leading up to the crime. So even though you may not believe a crime has occurred, if it involves hate we, the police, want to know about it. Please report all acts of hate to the police at 785-227-2988."

STOP LEARNING DROP & ROLL IS FUN!



October proved to be a busy month for the Lindsborg EMS and Fire teams. When they visited the Lindsborg Fire Station early in the month the Pre-School and Pre-K classes from St. Bridget's Little Kingdom learned about what fire fighters do as well as all the sounds a fire truck makes.



A special thanks to all of our volunteers in Lindsborg. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated and wonderful people to help us learn and care for us in our time of need. In the picture on the left, Officer Terry Reed explains his job duties to the Soderstrom 3rd grade class when they visited for City Hall Day.

Lindsborg Public Works = Hard Work, Extra Effort & Dedication!



Current City of Lindsborg Public Works employees as well as a few former city employees are all smiles as they say "Happy Retirement" to one of the best. A retirement reception for David Reiswig was held at City Hall in October. He retired from the Public Works Department after working for the city for 36 years! Everyone wishes David well as he starts a new journey of kicking back and relaxing! Thank you again David for your hard work and dedication!



City Administrator, Greg DuMars, and David

A Special Thank You for Service and Dedication

Over the last seven years the Public Works Department saw the retirement of three long-term employees. In January 2009, Jere Ellis was the first to leave when he turned off his flow of water at the city after serving 35 years. In June of 2011, after 39 years, Jim Miracle decided it was time to pull his last fuse. Finally, on October 10, 2016, after 36 years of service, David Reiswig turned his last brick. The dedication of these three men showed and their hours upon hours of time spent outdoors in all kinds of conditions, at all hours of the day and night, helped keep this city operating. For them, keeping city services functioning was always a priority. When Jere, Jim, and David began, money was not easy to come by for

the city and equipment and resources were not in the best condition. Some days it was a real challenge to complete a task. None of these men looked at their responsibilities as just a job. Keeping city services up and running was a way of life and something they all took personally. Some people take a public works position because of the pay or benefits but most of those employees soon find that the true reward comes from the satisfaction of being part of a team that with a combined effort keeps a city functioning. Without a Public Works Department where would the City be? Who would keep the water safe for drinking or the electricity operating to your home so you have light? Who would keep the streets cleared during a snow storm or keep the sewer lines cleared? Dedication came from truly caring about what they did and these men exemplified that. Their combined 110 years of experience to the City of Lindsborg is part of what has made Lindsborg such a great place to live. Employee dedication is what makes Lindsborg what it is. Thank you to these past employees as well as our current staff for your commitment and dedication to your city.

Movin' & Groovin' with **Lindsborg Recreation!**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

- The 5th Annual Daddy / Daughter Ball will be held on February 25, 2017! Calling all dads to mark their calendars and take their daughters to a fantastic Ball! (2016 pictures are courtesy of DJ Rick Stanley)
- Private pool party reservations will be taken after February 1, 2017! Reserve your spot!
- The Lindsborg Golf Course winter hours are 9 AM to 5 PM weather depending. The clubhouse will be closed when temperatures drop below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.



The Itty Bitty Basketball/Skills League is held every February. Pre-K through Kindergarten are invited to participate in this league. The 2016 class posed for a picture after one of their practices last year.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

City Council Meetings -- Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting -- Dec. 20, Feb 21
Thanksgiving -- Nov. 24 & 25 (City Offices Closed)
Sandzen Holiday Gift Show -- Nov. 6, 2016 - Jan. 15, 2017
Red Barn Studio Toy Exhibition -- Nov. 1, 2016 - Jan. 31, 2017
Christmas Artists' Studio Open House -- Dec. 3
Old Fashioned Christmas -- Dec. 3 & 10
Lucia Day -- Dec. 10
Christmas Eve -- Dec. 24 (City Offices Closed on Friday, Dec. 23)
Christmas Day -- Dec. 25 (City Offices Closed on Monday, Dec. 26)
Raymer's Printmaking Exhibition -- Feb & March (visit: www.lesterraymer.org)
Chocolate Lover's Affair -- Feb. 11, 2017
City View Newsletter -- Issue 41 (Feb. 2017)
Recycling Center -- (Open 24/7) Be considerate please

For more scheduled events please view the calendars at www.visitlindsborg.com and www.lindsborgcity.org

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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| Police, Fire and Ambulance: | 785.227.2988 (non-emergency) |
| Water, Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3428 |
| Water Sewer, Electric, Streets: | 785.227.3469 (after hours, weekends and holidays) |