

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

January 15, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present – Ed Radatz, Rick Martin, Blaine Heble, Corey Peterson, David Higbee, Mark Friesen, Betty Nelson, Kathy Richardson & Becky Anderson

Absent –

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Larry Lindgren, Chris Lindholm, Holly Lofton, Bill Gusenius, Dan Carr, Beth Ferguson, Sharon Barber, Anne & Bob D’Andrea, Mike Dreier, Dalton Stevens & Dane Pavlovich

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

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Becky Anderson.

Public Input – Sharon Barber spoke to council in opposition to the breed ban for dogs and in favor of beefing up the vicious dog code. Anne D’Andrea also spoke in favor of addressing aggressive dogs as opposed to a breed ban.

Mike Dreier, Dalton Stevens & Dane Pavlovich proposed to converting a portion of the east golf cart shed into an indoor practice area for use by the Bethany golf teams and the golf course members.

Amendments to the Agenda – none

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Anderson shared these thoughts:

Today we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. I’m sure many have read quotes from this prolific writer today. One that spoke to me was the following: “There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic or popular, but because conscience tells him that it is “right” Good words for all of us as we do the city’s business.

Almost 150 years ago, a group of people came to this place in the new state of Kansas and decided this is the place where we will call home. So they set about building their town. There were some obvious needs at first – roads, utilities, schools, religious houses, rules for commerce, parks, health care – all important aspects of building their new home called Lindsborg.

Now, 150 years later, we are continuing those efforts. A community such as ours should be in constant conversation with itself. I hope we are building a community where young people will come to retire and become one of us. Lindsborg can be proud of the people who have preceded us in this building process. We enjoy the fruits of their labors every day. Exemplary schools, an beautiful and growing park system, attention to improving roads and utilities, a vibrant art Community, a thriving business sector, health care for all and a general atmosphere of civility, generosity and clarity of purpose.

I was born and raised, educated and have lived in Lindsborg most of my life. I am fiercely proud of our little spot on the Kansas prairie. As mayor, I want everyone to feel they are welcome and are proud to call it their home. I have just visited one of the most fractured places on earth – Jerusalem. The warring factions are in a constant turmoil – each feeling that they are right. Ol thought as I was visiting there that I am thankful I'm not the mayor of this town. But one thing Jerusalem does have is an engaged [population and they all have a seat at the table.

The phrase we live in a global society became even clearer to me this past week. The richness derived from diversity, openness and generosity is immeasurable in a community like ours. Our continuing connection to Sweden gives us a daily reminder that everyone is not like us; and that is OK. I hope we continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new ideas beyond our borders. I want citizens of Lindsborg to also feel that they have a seat at the table. We have citizen populated committees where new ideas can be generated freely. We have 8 city council members who are connected to their ward of people and listen to the needs of them. We have a city staff who are carrying out their duties with efficiency and care.

And, so now is our time. We have heard a lot lately about dreamers. I would encourage and invite all of us to share our dreams for Lindsborg. Volunteer in our schools, churches, civic organizations or give a hand to your neighbor. A healthy community is in a constant conversation about itself and its citizens.

What do we want to be and what do we say we are? We have come a long way in the past 150 years – I think our best days are ahead so KEEP DREAMING.

Dates to remember: January 18 – Moving Forward Together; January 20 – EMS Open House; January 14 – Local Government Day in Topeka

Consent Agenda – Betty Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular council meeting and Purchase Order Ordinance 5096. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – David Higbee moved to approve the appointment of Beth Ferguson as the Recreation Director for the City of Lindsborg. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed.

Kathy Richardson moved to approve the appointment of Molly Johnson to the CVB Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Old Business – None

New Business – MIDWEST LIVING ADVERTISEMENT – Once per year, Midwest Living publishes a publication called The Best of the Midwest. This publication features articles and advertisements for communities and businesses throughout the Midwest. This magazine is meant to have a long shelf life, to be frequently carried by visitors as they travel. The CVB ran an ad in this publication in 2017. The ad and reader response provided approximately 600 contacts that were mailed a Lindsborg Visitors Guide and an invitation to Lindsborg postcard, two weeks apart. Participation in this 2017 ad increased Lindsborg's inclusion in editorial features for the 2017 year as well as in Midwest Living Magazine's monthly publication. It also encouraged Midwest Living to ad content in the Best of the Midwest edition that featured Lindsborg. Rick Martin moved to approve the purchase of an ad with Midwest Living in the amount of \$1140.00. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – The Sundstrom Conference Center has achieved greater levels of profitability since opening in the fall of 2013. Yours Truly, LLC provided management services for the conference center beginning in the spring of 2015. Manager, Amy Habiger, has opted to sunset out of this position, providing recommendations to the City for best options to provide the current level of service and profitability as we move ahead in her absence. Staff reviewed Amy's recommendations and contacted a selection of entities to provide management proposals, based on these recommendations. Kathy Richardson moved to approve a one-year contract with Upp Events, LLC. in the amount of \$5,000/mo. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

LOCAL SALES TAX TRANSFER – 2017 local sales tax information was presented to Council at the December 18, 2017 council meeting. At the time, December revenues had not yet been received. However, there was enough information available to allow Council to approve the \$50,000.00 in local sales tax funds to the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Council received the information on the

entire 2017 sales tax revenues and the distribution between the 1% and ½% portions of the tax. Additionally, council received the final numbers for the Sundstrom Conference Center. Funding to cover the Sundstrom Conference Center operating shortfall is a bookkeeping entry within the General Fund, so no monies are transferred out of the fund. No council action required.

PARK FACILITY HVAC – The Parks shop located at the city storage facility formerly known as the Tree Station needs new heating and cooling for the built-in office area. Staff received three quotes to replace the interior-mounted, combination HVAC unit with a more efficient ductless mini split system. Rick Martin moved to approve the bid from Waddle’s Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$2,838.00. Motion seconded by David Higbee and failed on roll call vote with D Higbee voting yes and all others voting no. Rick Martin moved to approve the bid from C & L Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$3,172.00. Motion seconded by Kathy Richardson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VÄLKOMMEN TRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE – The design of the Välkommen Trail Phase 2 project includes the purchase of right of way adjacent to Wells Fargo Road. The tract of ground is owned by Chris and Lisa Short, and measures 40’ x 1,447.23’, containing 1.33 acres more or less. Staff has negotiated acquisition of the parcel based on a unit price of \$5,000/acre. Betty Nelson moved to approve the purchase of the tract from the John C. and Lisa K. Short Trust in the amount of \$6,650. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session – none

Department Head Reports – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS - Absent

RECREATION – First day – caught a break

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE – The City Administrator reminded council of the EMS Open House on January 20 from noon to 3; Local Government Day in Topeka January 24 and the Strategic Planning Retreat on February 9 & 10.

Other – Corey Peterson asked about the dog ordinance and what might be done. Look at stronger code for vicious dogs and/or allowing veterinarians to provide DNA verification of breed.

Adjournment – It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk