

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

January 16, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present – Betty Nelson, Rick Martin, David Higbee, Corey Peterson, Emile Gallant, Kelley Menke, & Bill Taylor

Absent – Blaine Heble & Mark Friesen

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Larry Lindgren, Tim Dunn, Amy Habiger, Chris Lindholm, Bill Gusenius, Holly Lofton, Dan Carr, Cathy George, Mark Sauerwein, Kate Elliott, Chris Mathews & Alayasia Ouerfelli

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

Public Input – Cathy George asked council to consider lowering her water bill due to a leak.

Amendments to the Agenda – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Taylor thanked staff for the work put into the Moving Forward Together forum held last week. It was a very positive event that works well for many community entities.

Consent Agenda – Betty Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2017 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5026 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5027. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – Emile Gallant moved to approve the appointment of Alayasia Ouerfelli and Josh Patterson to the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Old Business – None

New Business – SUNDSTROM CONFERENCE CENTER JANITORIAL SERVICE –

Betty Nelson moved to approve the contract with JMH Cleaning for janitorial service covering the first floor at a cost of \$100 per week, \$5200/yr., for the 2017 calendar year. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke. After discussion by council Betty Nelson moved to table this item until the February 6, 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed.

KSAE ADVERTISEMENT - The Kansas Society of Association Executives is launching a magazine this spring. The magazine will publish three times per year – spring, summer and fall. Anticipated readership for this publication will be 4,200 per issue to include association/foundation management and marketing professionals, government officials, meeting coordinators and others. Members of KSAE often plan events for their associations including annual meetings, board meetings, and education sessions throughout the state of Kansas. While we have gained more bookings from KSAE contacts, the business from this group could be significantly more. The Sundstrom (and Lindsborg) is currently listed as a member and is represented in a ¼ page ad in the KSAE directory issued annually. Rick Martin moved to approve the expenditure of \$1,800 for a ¼ page ad to be included in all three 2017 issues of the KSAE Association & Meetings Magazine. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AMBULANCE BIDS – This purchase is the result of an accident that occurred which totaled our previous ambulance. We received three bids meeting required specs. DANKO did not include a price quote for graphics, which would show an average cost of approximately \$1,600.00 so it would not actually be the low bid in this case. The low bid came from OSAGE, which meets specs is \$169,885.00. Emile Gallant moved to approve the bid from HORTON at a cost of \$171,192.00. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EMS BUILDING NOTICE OF AWARD – Betty Nelson moved to approve the Notice of Bid Award to Wiens Construction for \$700,000. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 02-17 - Congress is expected to soon address the federal tax code. One of the issues is the tax exempt status of municipal bond interest. There is tax of eliminating the interest exemption status. This would cause the cost of borrowing by the state and local governments to increase by an estimated 10-12%. Municipal Bonds for America (MBFA) is a non-partisan coalition of municipal bond issuers and State and local governments official, along with senior leadership at regional broker dealers that advocate the benefits of of traditional municipal bond financing and highlights the tax exemption which enable State and local governments to finance vital infrastructure at the lowest cost to their taxpayers. MBFA has drafted a letter that will be sent to the U.S. House and Senate Leadership, House Ways & Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee in support of preserving municipal bond interest tax exemption status. They are seeking local government signatories to the letter. Attached is Resolution 02-17 which supports retaining the tax exempt status of municipal bond interest and authorizes the Mayor to sign the MBFA letter. Rick Martin moved to adopt Resolution 02-17 in support of preserving the tax exempt status on the interest from municipal bonds and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Lindsborg, the Municipal Bond for America which will be delivered to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House leadership and to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee and the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed.

Executive Session – none

Department Head Reports – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PARKS – Director Gary Shogren reported on flooding activities of the hazard mitigation plan and discussed the possibility of crowd funding to possibly move the dog park back to 2017 for completion.

RECREATION – Director Kate Elliott reported that the City will be one of six Kansas communities receiving an award from Kansas Recreation and Parks Association in partnership with Kansas Blue Cross/Blue Shield for community health improvement which also comes with a cash award of \$2,500. The KRPA Executive Director will be available to come to a council meeting to present the award to the City.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE – City Administrator Greg DuMars shared the Legislative Update from KMU and various charts on trends in sales tax and property valuations.

Other – none

Adjournment - Betty Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk