

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

January 2, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present –Mark Friesen, Corey Peterson, Emile Gallant, Kelley Menke, Blaine Heble & Bill Taylor

Absent – Betty Nelson, Rick Martin, & David Higbee

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Larry Lindgren, Dan Carr, Tim Dunn, Amy Habiger, Chris Lindholm, Bill Gusenius, Holly Lofton, Steven Johnson, Jeff Dugar, Taylor Tiani, Tonya Mills & Loren Mai

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

Public Input – none

Amendments to the Agenda – none

Mayor's Report – Mayor Taylor wished everyone a happy New Year with a reminder to remember and encourage your neighbors to recycle.

Consent Agenda – Kelley Menke moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5024 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5023. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – Emile Gallant moved to approve the appointment of Signe Showalter, Tonya Mills & Taylor Tiani to the EMS department. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Old Business – None

*Mark Friesen joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

New Business – TRAIL EXTENSION ENGINEERING – Emile Gallant moved to approve \$55,300 paid to Wilson and Company for final engineering of the Phase 2 Välkommen Trail Extension Project. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2017 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE – Kelley Menke moved to approve the 2017 KMIT Workers Compensation Insurance in the amount of \$25,253.00. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

LOCAL SALES TAX TRANSFER – No action required, just an update on numbers approved at last council meeting.

TREE TRIMMING BIDS - Emile Gallant moved to approve the bid from Weiss Tree Cutting for the annual line clearing program at a cost of \$12,000. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – Kelley Menke moved to approve the maintenance agreement with Utility Services Co. at a first year cost of \$134,022.00, and annual adjusted payments of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 01-17 – WEST UNION VEHICLE ABATEMENT – Emile Gallant moved to adopt Resolution 01-17 requiring the abatement of vehicles on the property by January 12, 2017. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES – Emile Gallant moved to approve the 2017 Legislative Priorities for the City of Lindsborg. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYEMENT AGREEMENT - Annually City Council reviews the performance of the City Administrator. The evaluation forms were completed by City Council and Department Heads and returned to the City Council President. The performance review was conducted with the Personnel Committee and the City Administrator on December 19, 2016. Based upon a positive evaluation, the attached Employment Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and the City Administrator would be effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 The agreement provides an additional \$50 in deferred compensation, sets the annual salary at \$103,736.00 and outlines other terms of employment. Blaine Heble moved to approve the contract with the City Administrator. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2017 MIDWEST LIVING AD – Currently, the Lindsborg CVB does not participate in ad campaigns in Midwest Living Magazine due to the high cost of ads. An ad generally runs more than \$4,000. Midwest Living still features Lindsborg in articles or editorial items throughout the year. 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. Participation in ads in this magazine will increase the odds of Lindsborg’s inclusion in editorial features in the 2018 year as well as in Midwest Living Magazine’s monthly publication. Emile Gallant moved to place for inclusion in the annual edition of Midwest Living’s Best of the Midwest publication at a cost of \$1100 for an 2.25” x 4” ad. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session – none

Department Head Reports – CVB/SUNDSTROM – Director Holly Lofton updated council on State marketing opportunities, Times Square Ad, AAA ads and statistics on the JOS.

PUBLIC WORKS – Director Tim Dunn updated council on the electrical fusing project and submitted his official resignation/retirement statement.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Director Tim Berggren updated council on the success of the Blue Santa project that was headed up by Terry Reed and the department statistics for 2016.

Other – Mayor Taylor commented on the projects list included in the meeting packets.

Adjournment – Emile Gallant moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk