

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

December 04, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present – Betty Nelson, Rick Martin, Blaine Heble, Corey Peterson, David Higbee, Ed Radatz, Mark Friesen & Bill Taylor

Absent – Kathy Richardson

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Larry Lindgren, Chris Lindholm, Holly Lofton, Bill Gusenius & Becky Anderson

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

Public Input – none

Amendments to the Agenda – none

Mayor's Report – Mayor Taylor expressed thanks for the great turnout for the Christmas party and the Snowflake Parade on Saturday. He encouraged everyone to attend the inauguration of President Smith at Bethany College on Friday at 10:30 at Presser Hall.

Consent Agenda – Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5087 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5088. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – Betty Nelson moved to approve the appointment of Roy Lister to the Cemetery Board. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed.

Planning & Zoning – FENCE HEIGHT VARIANCES - On October 2nd, City Council tabled a motion to repeal Section 50-1027 which prohibits fence height variances in required residential front yards. Staff request the following steps to adopt the revised ordinance: 1. Motion to take from the table the motion to adopt Ordinance 5078 in its original form, which repealed Section 50-1027. 2. A vote to reject the motion. 3. Motion and adoption of revised Ordinance 5078 which amends Section 50- 027.

Betty Nelson moved to remove Ordinance 5078 from the table. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. After lengthy discussion, Betty Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance 5078. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and failed unanimously by roll call vote. Then Betty Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance 5089 which addresses fence height variances on corner lots. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Old Business – none

New Business – CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE - The city has received three applications for Cereal Malt Beverage renewals. They are for Casey's General Store, Pizza Hut and YesWay. All applications have been reviewed by the Police Department and background checks completed. The proper application fees have also been received. Rick Martin moved to approve the CMB renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

HOLIDAY BONUS - It has been the tradition of City Council to provide to every regular full-time employee a holiday bonus of \$100 per employee. Currently there are 26 regular full-time employees with the City. Betty Nelson moved to approve a \$100 holiday bonus for the 26 regular full time city employees (\$2,600.00 total). Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT - 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 4, 2017. Based upon a positive evaluation, the attached Employment Agreement between the City of Lindsborg and the City Administrator would be effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The agreement provides an additional \$100 in deferred compensation, sets the annual salary at \$108,995.00 and outlines other terms of employment. Rick Martin moved to approve the contract with the City Administrator. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session – Rick Martin moved to go to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters related to the purchase of real estate and to include the city attorney and city administrator; and to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed. Council returned to regular session at 7:10 p.m. and no action was taken.

Department Head Reports – CVB/SUNDSTROM – Holly Lofton shared that the conference center staff are working on inventory in preparation for the upcoming wedding season. She also shared some of the different publications that have featured Lindsborg in the recent past.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Berggren gave an update on the situation with the radios that are used by public safety agencies in the county. It appears that the county will need to delay the implementation of a new system due to funding issues. This will delay our purchases as whatever is used in Lindsborg needs to be compatible with the county system and they have not determined which system they will purchase.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chris Lindholm gave an update on the waterline along W. Garfield. They are also working on trying to find a way to put banners on the poles on E Swensson and refitting brackets along Harrison/Cole for banners. The new street hire will be starting after the first of the year. Verizon is still using their old equipment on the water tower (with the plan to replace sometime soon?) LED street lighting changeout will continue next year.

Other – none

Adjournment – Rick Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ed Radatz and passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk