

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

May 15, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent – Emile Gallant

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Holly Lofton, Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Larry Lindgren, Kate Elliott, Chris Lindholm, Ed Kenney, Martha Danielson, Michaela Huntington, Dane Pavlovich & Dan Carr

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

Public Input – Michaela Huntington, Senior Class President at Bethany College, was present to inform council that their class gift is a Disc Golf Course on the campus. They would like permission to place equipment for two holes along the trail east of the apartments on Kansas Street. The course will be open to the public.

Amendments to the Agenda – Pool Shade Structures and the Disc Golf request will be added to New Business.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Taylor announced that he would not be seeking re-election as Mayor of Lindsborg in the upcoming election. At this time, there has been only one filing for Ward 3. All candidates must file at the McPherson County Courthouse by noon on June 1, 2017. All School's Day was well attended last Friday. There have been several burglaries reported so keep your belongings safe and secure.

Consent Agenda – Betty Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 regular council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5045 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5046. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – none

Planning & Zoning – no items

Old Business – no items

New Business – STATE STREET OVERRUN – When the State St. repave project was put together it was not anticipated the level of rework needed to be done to the box culvert on the south side of the street. The first problem discovered were some separations in the piping that was allowing extra dirt to flow in and plug the piping. The second issue came from removing the old box structure and trying to clean the whole transition of the piping to flow channel and then to the gutter. This had to be done in a way to be functional yet aesthetically pleasing as well as protecting the piping from truck traffic. The easiest way to protect the piping was to make sure it was adequately covered in concrete and to install markers to keep traffic from driving through that area. After the completion of the piping and channel work we have received a number of significant rains and each time the new drainage channel has performed very well. Rick Martin moved to approve \$2,445 for JKC Building Systems to cover the cost of the extra concrete and labor to finish the storm drain and gutter on State St. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

WASTEWATER TRUCK BIDS - The WWTP currently has a 2007 Ford F-250 as a daily duty truck and it is due for replacement this year. The street department budgeted \$10,000 to replace a 2000 Chevrolet S-10 this year. That truck is used as the mosquito fogging truck and not a daily use truck. The 2007 Ford is budgeted for replacement because it is at the end of its 10-year replacement cycle for use as a daily duty truck. This truck however, is still in good enough condition it would work in a limited capacity for the Street Department as a mosquito fogging truck. This would enable the Street Dept. to update to a truck that is in much better condition as well as one that we know its history. The Chevy S-10 would then be used as the trade-in for the new WWTP truck. Bids were requested from three different dealers and returned from all three dealers. Included were three different manufactures for five bids. Four of the bids were within \$561 and the allowance for the trade-ins were within \$500 for all bids. David Higbee moved to approve the purchase of a 2017 Dodge 2500 Tradesman from Midway Motors at a cost of \$21,184.84. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

TOMMY LIFTGATE – When the 2007 Ford was purchased, we had a Tommy Lift Gate added and it has been very useful and has helped to alleviate back strains. The replacement truck will follow the same principle by installing a new Tommy Lift on that truck as well. Betty Nelson moved to approve the purchase and installation of a Tommy-Lift Gate from Ginder Hydraulic for \$2,164. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CITY HALL FRONT DOOR REPLACEMENT – The door on the north-west corner of City Hall has been unusable for quite some time. To replace the door with the same sized door requires a custom-made door and is too cost prohibitive. We have received bids from three contractors to complete the opening with a regular sized door with a transom window above. Rick Martin motion to approve the bid of Charles Seybert in the amount of \$2,300 for a turnkey replacement of the front door of City Hall. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

POOL SHADE STRUCTURES – The covers for the one umbrella and two candy cane shade structures at the swimming pool need to be replaced. Betty Nelson moved to approve the bid from Shade USA (formerly Sun Port) in the amount of \$2,175.00. Motion seconded by Mark Friesen and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Session – none

Department Head Reports – RECREATION/GOLF COURSE – Director Kate Elliott updated council on the baseball/softball team status. She also shared comparison numbers on the golf course.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Director Gary Shogren shared upcoming activities of the Tree Board and the Soderstrom Community Service Day. He also indicated that he plans to set up a study session for the Swensson Park Master Plan.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – Greg DuMars shared 4 items. 1) the current ransomware WannaCry is being addressed by our IT vendor and we are at minimal risk now. 2) HB2424 addresses a tax exemption for employer HR. Unclear at this point if it will gain any traction in the legislature. 3) Should get numbers soon from the county for appraised valuations. The new budget will stay within the guidelines of the tax lid. 4) Council received the fund balance report through April of 2017.

Other – none

Adjournment – David Higbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Rick Martin. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk