

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent –Becky Anderson

Others Present – Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Kate Elliott, Bill Gusenius, Larry Lindgren, Amy Habiger, Greg DuMars, Tim Dunn, Dan Carr, Mike Drier, Ashley Foley, Kimberly Snell, Bud Snell, Keith Kandt, Brenda Vickrey & Abner Vickrey

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

Public Input – Mike Drier with Fuqua Ruth Typer Insurance spoke about what is covered under Cyber Insurance. Bud and Kimberly Snell spoke about the need for fencing between their property and Riverside Mobile Home Park. They were informed that it was a requirement and that the Joe Hulse, the mobile home park owner, has failed to comply. They asked that the city enforce the code and Joe Hulse be made to install a fence. The Mayor directed staff to check for all code violations and issue violation citations.

Hearing 315 E Lincoln – A hearing was requested by Joe Hulse, owner of the property at 315 East Lincoln, regarding a notice of code violations at 315 East Lincoln, Lindsborg. The hearing opened at 6:46 p.m. Abner Vickrey, owner of adjacent property stated that the conditions of 315 East Lincoln has made it an attraction for skunks and feral cats and asked that the property be cleaned up. No one else came forward to speak on the matter and the hearing was closed at 6:49p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda – None

Mayor's Report – Gary Shogren read a Proclamation for Fair Housing. Betty Nelson moved to adopt the proclamation. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed.

Consent Agenda – Betty Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting, Purchase Order Ordinance 4971, Payroll Ordinances 4970. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Planning & Zoning – None

Old Business – POOL SHADE STRUCTURE – Recreation Director, Kate Elliott reviewed the proposal details with Council. Emile Gallant moved to approve the bid from Mid-Kansas Construction LLC for \$2,251.08. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ASPHALT STREET BID - The corrected quote from APAC/Shears for the City's 2016 asphalt paving of \$153,769.50, is for a 4" mill and overlay of 400-500 West Saline, a 4" mill and overlay of 100-300 West Swensson, and 6" mill and overlay with flyash stabilization on the 100 block of North 3rd. David Higbee moved to approve \$153,769.50 for APAC/Shears to complete the work as described. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business – RESOLUTION NO. 07-16 – A resolution ordering abatement of environmental nuisance for 315 E Lincoln. Betty Nelson moved to adopt Resolution 07-16. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

INSURANCE QUOTE – The insurance package for the City of Lindsborg – except for workers' compensation insurance – runs from April 1 to March 31. The City brokers insurance services so that we are not tied to a specific agent. The current broker is Fuqua-Ruth-Typer Insurance. The \$69,410.80 quote reflects a 2% increase (attributed to a slight increase in ambulance runs last year. Not reflected in the proposal is the \$12,000 agency service fee. Fuqua-Ruth-Typer Insurance chose to clearly indicate what their revenue on the insurance package would be—agreeing to hold the fee for a three year period. Most other insurance agencies hide their fees in the premiums and base them upon a percentage of the premiums. An added feature is Cyber Solution coverage should any of our data be compromised at an additional cost of \$921.00. Betty Nelson moved to approve \$81,410.80 for EMC/Fuqua plus the Cyber Solutions package for \$921.00. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PATROL CAR EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION – The City received three quotes for equipment installation for the new patrol vehicle. Emile Gallant moved to approve \$1,000 for Darren Ebling to do the installation

of equipment to the new patrol vehicle. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – According to the KMEA bylaws, each member city is required to have two Directors and one Alternate on its Board. Currently the City of Lindsborg must appoint a Director #2 and an Alternate. David Higbee moved to appoint Bill Taylor as Director #2. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. David Higbee moved to appoint Blaine Heble as the Alternate. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

WESTAR LETTER OF CONCURRENCE – Westar Energy is filing a cost-based rate revision to the Generation Formula Rate with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The City of Lindsborg purchases the majority of its wholesale electric power from Westar under a GFR Contract. The proposed rate revision is reducing the return on equity from 10.2% to 9.7%; reducing the allocation of post-employment benefits other than pensions from \$10,919,846 to \$4,167,939; and, increase the Wolf

Creek Decommissioning Trust Fund from \$2,762,483 to \$5,772,700. The increase in the trust fund is by order of the Kansas Corporation Commission. The net effect of the changes is reducing the demand charge from \$20.29 to \$19.87 per KW. Westar Energy is requesting the City of Lindsborg submit a Letter of Concurrence in support of the rate filing with FERC. Betty Nelson moved to approve the letter of Concurrence. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed.

RIVERSIDE RESTROOM – a Parks Capital Improvement project was approved for the small restroom located next to the Tomte Playground in Riverside Park. The main ADA-compliant restroom for the part is located on the south side of the swimming pool. This facility is maintained for the convenience of the kids and caregivers what use the playground equipment. While not a full-scale reconstruction, the plan is to update plumbing fixtures, paint and replace doors. Blaine Heble moved to approve \$3,637.56 for

Royal Flush of Lindsborg for work at Riverside Park as described on their estimate. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VIKING VALLEY CONSULTANT – Rick Martin moved to approve \$1,800 for a Playground Assessment Report from Leathers & Associates of Ithica, New York as had been discussed during the March 7, 2016 Council Study Session. Motion seconded by Emile Gallant and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SWENSSON PARK FISH POND – Staff spoke to the issue of the fish pond in Swensson Park. The intent was to drain and clean the fish pond next week. The water was left in the pond for the winter and that the gold fish in the pond go to the bottom as the water gets colder. As cold blooded animals, the cold water puts them into a state of hibernation. This winter was unusually mild and this has increased usage in March of Swensson Park compared to prior years.

Department Head Reports – Community Development/Parks: Gary Shogren spoke to the Sidewalk/Seating Enhancement Ordinance. This issue has been discussed during the Ad Hoc Business Roundtable meetings soliciting input. The current ordinance allows most items that were discussed. Currently, none of the items on the sidewalk comply with the ordinance. A revised ordinance will be brought to the April 4, 2016, City Council meeting. The revisions will be to lower the annual registration fee and to allow for greater area for placement pending Design Review Board approval.

Recreation: Kate Elliott stated that there were 80 couples, along with 30 additional siblings, at the Daddy Daughter Dance. This was the first year to host it at the Sundstrom Conference Center and it was a great success. Currently 200 kids signed up for soccer and this Saturday is the Easter Egg Hunt. At the golf course, they have created a new membership bracket called single plus one. There has also been an increase in concession prices. At the pool, the water slide is not complete and the wood structure will be improved. One idea being considered for the pool is “Movie Night at the Pool.”

Administration: Greg DuMars spoke about Senate Substitute for House Bill 2088. This is the property tax lid bill. The bill (HB 2088) was adopted by the House of Representatives and gave some exemptions from what was adopted during the 2015 Kansas Legislative Session. While HB 2088 was being considered on the Senate Floor, amendments were added that would strip the exemption for economic development. This was adopted by the full Senate and sent back to House. The House voted to non-concur and the bill has been sent to conference committee. Councilwoman Nelson asked that three talking points on the bill be drafted and distributed to Council members so they could discuss it with the elected officials representing Lindsborg at the Kansas legislature.

Other – None

Adjournment – Rick Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk