

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent – Betty Nelson

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Kate Elliott, Tim Dunn, Holly Lofton, Bill Gusenius, Larry Lindgren, Dan Carr, Martha Danielson, Kimi Stolzenburg, Shawna Everhart, Misty Taylor, Margaret Presley, Mark & Chris Lindley, Thomas G Nelson, Don Anderson, Amy Habiger, Joel Weide, Marc Anderson, Joy Everhart, Jim Richardson, William & Amy Jones, Becky Anderson & Naomi Durant

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

Public Input – Comments from Margaret Presley –

Mr Mayor, City Council Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

My name is Margaret Presley. I am here to both express strong support for the Council passing a resolution that speaks against the recent acts of racism that happened on Bethany Campus and to offer two suggestions as to how the community can be proactive in approaching this issue and making our community more welcoming to and inclusive of racial and cultural diversity.

I have lived in Lindsborg since 1989, moving from the Kansas City area to teach Social Work at Bethany College. Because of both personal experience and my profession, one of the things I missed when we moved here was diversity. Lindsborg is only slightly more diverse than in 1989. I served as "minority student" counselor at Bethany College for a short time. During that time I heard of many discriminatory acts the students experienced on campus, in Lindsborg, and in Salina and McPherson. Because I am no longer at the college, I cannot speak to what current college students are experiencing, but have heard of younger students experiencing a lot of name calling in our public schools.

Therefore, I feel strongly that, while a resolution is important, we must go beyond that as a community. One Idea I have for doing that is a model I have discovered called "The Welcome Table." This model comes out of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. It trains leaders to facilitate difficult discussions on race. I cannot take the time to go into the model here but more information may be found at <http://winterinstitute.org/academic-service/>.

The second idea I have is for using the arts to help address the racial issue that is confronting us here in Lindsborg. It would be wonderful if we could get visual artists in our community together and talk to them about doing racially inclusive art. We could then have a concert/art/dance/theatre show with the concert show casing things like gospel, jazz, rag time, Latin, etc. music and performance. An art show could be held along with the concert. The art could then be put on permanent display at various places in our community (college, merchants, Sundstrom, City Hall, etc.) to give a more inclusive feeling to our town. I don't know how it would cost if to pay the artists for their time or product. This is a project that could involve many groups in town. LAC might be able to kick in some money and be the primary coordinator of this. Maybe the College and or TACOL would kick in, and maybe even the City or the Ad Hoc group.

I think this second project could be initiated immediately and have some long lasting effects. Perhaps it could add a multicultural aspect to festivals and other activities already held here. The organizers would

have to address that matter. I am willing to help work on both of these ideas but cannot undertake them alone. It has to be a community and college effort. Please let me know of your interest.

Thank you very much for your time.

Amendments to the Agenda – None

Mayor's Report – Mayor Taylor thanked all who are attending and appreciate the significance of this meeting in support of President Jones' family, Bethany College and the caring citizens of Lindsborg.

He announced the retirement reception for David Reiswig on October 7, 2016 from 3 – 5 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers

He also reminded everyone of the Open House sponsored by Westar Energy at the Sundstrom Conference Center on Sept 20th 5 – 7 p.m.

Consent Agenda – Rick Martin moved to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the September 06, 2016, regular meeting, Payroll Ordinances 5010 and Purchase Order Ordinance 5011. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Appointments – Rick Martin moved to approve the appointment of Kimi Lindshield to the Recreation Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed.

Planning & Zoning – No report

Old Business – None

New Business – RESOLUTION 14-16 – SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS – The City Clerk Read the Resolution. David Higbee moved to adopt Resolution 14-16 in support of diversity and inclusiveness. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The Resolution was signed and presented to Bethany College President William Jones. President Jones expressed his thanks to the governing body and the citizens of Lindsborg.

ADA PARKING IN THE C-2 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT – Emile Gallant moved to approve the recommendation of adding ADA parking spaces on the south side of State Street just east of Main, on the north side of Lincoln Street just east of Main and on the south side of Lincoln Street just east of Main. Motion seconded by Blaine Heble and passed.

EMT CLASS – Rick Martin moved to approve \$8,346.00 for Hutchinson Community College for the fall EMT class. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CVB BILLBOARD – Rick Martin moved to approve the renegotiation of the contract George Lay for the I-70 billboard that is just west of Topeka at a cost of \$3,360.00. Motion seconded by Corey Peterson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE CART ROOF BIDS - Rick Martin moved to approve \$3,068.79 for Mid-Kansas Construction to replace/repair part of the roof that covers the rental carts for the golf course. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed by roll call vote with David Higbee voting no and all others voting yes..

Executive Session – Rick Martin moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss matters regarding the purchase of real estate, and to include the city attorney and city administrator and return to session at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Kelley Menke and passed. Council returned to open session at 7:20 p.m. and took no action.

Department Head Reports – RECREATION – Director Kate Elliott reported on the last course-sponsored tournament that was held last weekend and that an organization has rented the course for September 25th so it will be closed to the public on that day. She is also gathering data on the most recent golfing season for comparison to previous years.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Director Gary Shogren reported that he had just attended a workshop in Abilene regarding the FEMA plan to remap the flood insurance rate maps in the area. He indicated that there would be some significant changes.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE – City Administrator Greg DuMars updated council on the financial status of a majority of the funds for the City. He also updated council on the status of the ambulance settlement resulting from the recent accident. The status of the EMS building remains in limbo while Rural Development and the State Architect come to some agreement on construction features of the building.

Other – The situation of the Auburn Pharmacy construction site is being addressed by KDOT. The Roxbury Bank property looks better since being mowed and are now addressing the rest of the “items” that remain on the property.

Adjournment - Rick Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by David Higbee and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk