

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2009 – Minutes

6:15 p.m.

Public Hearing – re: Francis Melland Property

Present – Brad Howe, Rick Martin, Becky Anderson, Wes Fisk, Lloyd Rohr, Russ Hefner, Betty Nelson, Ken Branch and Judy Neuschafer

Others – Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Greg DuMars, Dan Carr, Thad Morrical, Larry Lindgren, Tim Berggren, Gary Shogren, Tim Dunn, Chuck Bouilly, Gary Martin, Sue Schlagel, Priscilla Johnson and Hugh Melland

Mayor Neuschafer opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Public Safety Director Tim Berggren informed council members of the background concerning the property at Kansas & Garfield Streets. He shared photos of the property with council and described the attempts to send letters to the responsible owner/s of the property. He stated that he had worked with Francis Melland prior to his passing, but that the nuisance issues with the property still exist. The Hugh Melland has requested an extension of time (60 – 90 days) to get the property cleaned up and perhaps put up privacy fencing.

Mayor Neuschafer closed the hearing at 6:29 p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Martin.

Public Input – None

Amendments to the Agenda – Russ Hefner asked that the Melland property be added to the Administration & Finance Committee.

Minutes – Russ Hefner moved to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2008 year-end council meeting as corrected and the January 5, 2009 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Neuschafer remarked about the upcoming meetings for January and stated that she and council had attended a Community Partner Forum at Bethany College. She also stated that she attended City Hall Day in Topeka and noted the retirement of long time city employee Jere Ellis was marked by a reception in his honor on January 30th. Mayor Neuschafer is appointing a Lindsborg 140th Anniversary committee but doesn't have all of the names as yet.

Planning & Zoning – none

Administration & Finance – HERITAGE FUND DONATION – Brad Howe moved to approve a donation to the Heritage Fund in the amount of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION 04-09 – BOND REDEMPTION – Brad Howe moved to approve Resolution 04-09, directing the city to call for redemption of certain outstanding electric & waterworks utility system revenue bonds. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 05-09 – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS – Brad Howe moved to approve Resolution 05-09 declaring the necessity to make improvements to the electric and waterworks utility system and to issue bonds to cover the costs. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – PROPERTY AT KANSAS & GARFIELD STREETS – Lloyd Rohr moved to grant an extension to May 3, 2009 for the clean up of the property. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Utilities – GOLF COURSE FORCE MAIN – Lloyd Rohr moved to place the Reclaimed Water Force Main, at an estimated cost of \$286,900, as an add alternative in the bidding process for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed.

KWPCRF LOAN SERVICES – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$7,500 for KWPCRF Loan Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks – RENTAL GOLF CARS – Rick Martin moved to approve \$8,200.00 to purchase 2 golf cars from Kansas Golf and Turf. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RECREATION ACTIVITY FEES – Rick Martin moved to approve an increase of \$5 for recreation fees for those participants who live outside the city limits of Lindsborg. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed unanimously.

HAZARD TREE POLICY – Rick Martin moved to approve the Hazardous Tree Policy. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed.

Public Safety – TASER PURCHASE – Rick Martin moved to approve the purchase of 6 Taser guns at \$4,859.70 plus freight. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed by roll call vote with Councilmember Howe voting no.

RESOLUTION 03-09 – AMBULANCE FEES – Rick Martin moved to approve Resolution 03-09 which increases ambulance fees. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed.

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ENGINEERING CONTRACT – Rick Martin moved to approve the engineering contract from RMA Engineering in the amount of \$15,000.00. This contract will be reimbursed 100% by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Purchase Order – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4587. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Russ Hefner moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4585 & 4586. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Lloyd Rohr expressed concern that the new residential refuse dumpsters are causing some concern. If customers don't bag their trash before putting it in the dumpster, the wind blows the lids open (they do not latch) and the trash blows down the streets.

Adjournment – Brad Howe moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett Sperling, MMC

City Clerk