

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2009 - Minutes

6:30 p.m.

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

Others - Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Thad Morrival, Tim Berggren, Dan Carr, Gary Shogren, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Steve & Carla Scott, Tim Dunn, Corky Malm, Larry Lindgren, Connie Wooldridge, Priscilla Johnson, Dirk & Naomi Durant and Sue Schlagel

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Invocation was given by Rev. Connie Wooldridge.

Oath of Office - Judy Neuschafer took the oath of office as Mayor of Lindsborg. Russ Hefner, Ken Branch, Becky Anderson and Brad Howe took their oath of office as council members for Lindsborg.

Public Input - Corky Malm gave an update of the signs along the Välkommen Trail depicting some of the history of Lindsborg. He stated that they had 2 more signs for the trail; one focusing on education and the other on the hobos who traveled the railways. He asked permission to place the hobo sign on the bridge over the Smoky River. Mayor Neuschafer stated that the issue would be sent to the committee.

Steve Scott spoke representing people interested in sustainability issues. They are very pleased that the city has become an eco-municipality. He suggested investigating a new billing structure to help citizens understand their utility consumption and perhaps a website that is constantly updated to help inform the community.

Amendments to the Agenda - none

Minutes - Brad Howe moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Neuschafer attend the grand openings of the Recycling Center and Swede Sk8 Park; attended activities for Earth Day, Arbor Day and a Sister City gathering with Jimmy Sjöblom and his family. She also noted that the city received 4.4 million for the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The money will be partially a low interest loan and part of the loan forgiven. Mayor Neuschafer also offered congratulations to the graduates of Smoky Valley High School and Bethany College. All Schools Day is May 8; Midsummer's is June 19 - 20 and the Smithsonian exhibit will be at the Old mill from June 26 to August 9.

Mayor Neuschafer presented Council Member Wes Fisk with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the council and best wishes on their move.

The mayor submitted the following for citizen committee appointments: Library - Greta Small & John Palmquist; Housing Authority Board - Nyal Jennings, Lou Davis & Eldora Busby; Planning & Zoning - Jay Jensen, Niels Wilson & Blaine Heble; Board of Zoning Appeals - Norman Dauer & Ken Peterson; Cemetery Board - Mike Henry; Design Review - L'Jean Swisher & Virginia Swisher; Public Safety Advisory - Larry Van Der Wege, Fidel Iglesias & Ray Mai; Sister City - Marc Anderson & Don Anderson; Tree Board - Bill Roth; CVB Board - Sabrina Spellman, Aubrey Streit & M. D. Ashrafulalam. Betty Nelson moved to approve the appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed.

The mayor submitted the following for city appointed officers: City Administrator - Gregory A. DuMars; City Clerk - Jerry Lovett- Sperling; Director of Public Safety - Tim Berggren; Director of Public Works - Tim Dunn; Director of Parks & Recreation - Thad Morrical; City Attorney - William Gusenius; Municipal Judge - Gary Price; Fire Chief - Willard Keding; Treasurer - Larry Lindgren. Brad Howe moved to approve the appointed officers. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed.

Planning & Zoning - none

Administration & Finance - ORDINANCE RECODIFICATION - Brad Howe moved to approve the proposal from Municipal Code Corporation in the amount of \$8,200.00 for the recodification of the city ordinances. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

IN-KIND SERVICE REQUEST - Brad Howe moved to approve the In-kind Service request from Bethany College for city equipment and manpower to aid in the installation of the new scoreboard at Anderson Field. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed.

CHARTER ORDINANCE 17 - Brad Howe moved to adopt Charter Ordinance 17 regarding term length of appointed officers. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Utilities - RESOLUTION 12-09 - DISOLUTION OF PUBLIC WHOLESAL WATER DISTRICT #10.- Lloyd Rohr moved to adopt Resolution 12-09 and requests the return the city's share of the effort in the amount of \$2,924.43. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

WATERLINE PROJECT MATERIALS QUOTE - Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$6,176.00 to purchase supply materials from Water Products, Inc. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

WATERLINE PROJECT BORING QUOTE - Lloyd Rohr moved to approve funds not to exceed \$7,650.00 for Butterfield Construction to complete the boring work. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

WATERLINE PROJECT CONCRETE AND SAND ESTIMATE - Lloyd Rohr moved to approve up to \$2,000.00 for miscellaneous concrete and sand. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

THERMOSTAT REBATE PROGRAM - Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the Thermostat Rebate program which will include \$10,000 in funding. Residents can claim a \$25 rebate with proper documentation. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Lloyd Rohr moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss matters under attorney-client privilege and to include the city attorney and the city administrator. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed. Executive session began at 7:16 p.m. and ended at 7:31 p.m. Betty Nelson then moved to continue the engagement of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC, in the City of Arma complaint against Westar Energy, Inc. contract negotiations. This intervention is in partnership with other municipal electric utilities. Furthermore, that the City of Lindsborg's additional financial obligation is in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and is to be paid to the KMEA Reserve Fund. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks - TENNIS COURTS RESURFACING QUOTE - Becky Anderson moved to approve \$10,496.00 for Trans Texas Tennis, Inc. to resurface 3 City owned tennis courts. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

POOL LOUNGE CHAIR PURCHASE - Becky Anderson moved to approve funds not to exceed \$2,000.00 to purchase more lounge chairs for the swimming pool. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Safety - RESOLUTION 11-09 VEHICLE & PROPERTY ABATEMENT - Rick Martin moved to adopt Resolution 11-09 relating to the property at 306 E. Garfield. Motion seconded by Wes Fisk and passed.

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Purchase Order - Russ Hefner moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4599. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll - Brad How moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinance 4597 & 4598. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment - Wes Fisk moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC

City Clerk