

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – November 5, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Members Present – Rick Martin, Becky Anderson, Brad Howe, Mark Van Camp, Lloyd Rohr, Russ Hefner, Betty Nelson, Ken Branch and Judy Neuschafer

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Dunn, Larry Lindgren, Dan Carr, Thad Morrical, Ellen Morgan, John Devine, Susie Ruggles, Mary Patrick, Chester Peterson, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Richard Kurtz, Priscilla Johnson, Pastor Loren Mai, Sue Schlagel, Linda Branch, Chris Bauman, Susan Achenbach and Tim Berggren

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Judy Neuschafer, with her brand new megaphone and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Invocation was given by Pastor Loren Mai.

Public Input – Susie Ruggles, representing the Christmas Committee, asked to be placed on the agenda for consideration of their street banner request.

Amendments to the Agenda – Betty Nelson moved to place the Christmas Committee request on the agenda under Administration & Finance. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed.

Minutes – Becky Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2007 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Neuschafer explained that she won the megaphone at the recent League of Kansas Municipalities Conference and donated it to the Recreation Department. She also stated that the League conference had several really good speakers. She also thanked everyone who helped make the 2007 Svensk Hyllningsfest successful. The visitors from Munkfors gave the City several books for the Swedish Room at the Library which Mayor Neuschafer presented to Chester Peterson, Chair of the Library Board.

Mayor Neuschafer read a Proclamation honoring Veterans Day, November 11, 2007.

The November meetings were reviewed and November 29th at 6:30 p.m. was chosen as the meeting date/time on the Sundstrom Building.

Planning & Zoning – no items

Administration & Finance – CONDEMNATION HEARING – 525 S. FIRST #20

Mayor Neuschafer opening the hearing for comment. There was no comment; hearing closed.

RESOLUTION 20-07 – CONDEMNATION 525 S. FIRST #20 – Brad Howe moved to adopt Resolution 20-07 ordering the abatement of nuisance. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed.

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CVB 36 MONTH MARKETING PLAN – Betty Nelson moved to accept the marketing plan as developed by the Leadership Firm and the CVB Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed.

COMMUNITY BROADBAND FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL – Brad Howe moved to approve the proposal from Sega in the amount of \$20,000. Motion seconded by Mark Van Camp and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ABATEMENT OF 525 S. FIRST #6 PROPOSALS – Brad Howe moved to approve the proposal from Anderson Body Shop to remove the nuisance at a cost of \$2,150.00. Expense to be billed to property owner. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Russ Hefner moved to go to Executive Session with council, mayor, city attorney & city administrator for 10 minutes to discuss a real estate purchase. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed. Executive session began at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:10 p.m. Russ Hefner moved to return to executive session for 10 minutes to continue the discussion. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed. Executive Session began at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m. Brad Howe moved to return to executive session for an additional 5 minutes to continue the real estate discussion. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed. Executive Session began at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m. No action

was taken during executive session. Lloyd Rohr moved to allow the City Administrator to begin the purchase process for approximately 31.4 acres at a cost of \$150,000 from Bethany Home. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote. The City Administrator explained that the property is between the K-4 overpass and Emerald Lakes and fronts onto Bethany Drive. The property will be used to develop moderate income housing as part of the Lindsborg Tomorrow project and the City of Lindsborg Strategic Plan for community growth. The cost of infrastructure to the entire area will be shared with Bethany Home.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL – Susie Ruggles first thanked the City for the donation of \$500 to help purchase lights for the bridge. She then explained that the Christmas Committee is in the process of purchasing Christmas banners to be placed on the lamp posts along E. Lincoln. They had originally promoted the banners by telling businesses that they could include their names on the banners. However there was some concern about putting business names on public property. The motion made by Russ Hefner was to allow the banners with the “donator” name on the banner. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr to start the discussion. The motion failed. Betty Nelson moved to allow the Christmas Committee to place the banners without donator names on the poles on E. Lincoln and approve the purchase of three banners. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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Utilities – No items

Streets & Parks – PARKS MASTER PLAN – Becky Anderson moved to accept the Parks Master Plan. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

SIDEWALK WAIVER REQUEST – Becky Anderson moved to approve the waiver request from 525 W. Swensson. Motion seconded by Mark Van Camp and passed.

Public Safety – no items

Purchase Order – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4518. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4516 & 4517. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – The City Administrator asked council if it would be beneficial to tour the wastewater plant to aid them in understanding the WWTP assessment. Yes.

Adjournment – Lloyd Rohr moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, CMC

City Clerk