

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2007 – Minutes

6:30 p.m.

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

Absent – Brad Howe

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Pastor Jeff Waugh, Ellen Morgan, Thad Morrical, Larry Lindgren, Rim Berggren, Bill Gusenius, Annette Duncan, Helen Weaver & Priscilla Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Waugh.

Public Input – None

Amendments to Agenda – Becky Anderson asked to add the arch on East Lincoln Street under Streets & Parks.

Minutes – Mark Van Camp moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Nueschafer noted that she had attended the All Schools Day Parade in McPherson, the Kansas Quilters who met here in Lindsborg and the news conference introducing the new President of Bethany College, Edward Leonard III.

She also presented Dean Anderson for appointment to the CVB Board and Joel Weide to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Becky Anderson moved to approve the appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Mark Van Camp and passed. Mayor Neuschafer then reviewed the meetings for the month and made special note of the Streets & Parks Committee and the Public Safety Committee are moving back to Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. The League of Kansas Municipalities Conference is coming up in October and will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center.

Planning & Zoning – GARDENS OF LINDSBORG FINAL PLAT – The Planning & Zoning committee has recommended that Council approve the final plat for the Gardens of Lindsborg. Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the plat as presented. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

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Administration & Finance – RESOLUTION 09-07 – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM – Betty Nelson moved to adopt Resolution 09-07 allowing city employees to take advantage of a pre-tax deferred compensation program. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed.

CITY HALL NEEDS AND SPACE ASSESSMENT – Several council members have been approached to consider renovating the Sundstrom building for use as a City Hall. This prompted a considerable discussion about alternate possibilities. Mark Van Camp moved to ask Fred Abercrombie, architect, to prepare a preliminary assessment for the Sundstrom building so that council can make an informed decision. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Lloyd Rohr moved to go into executive session with council, mayor, city administrator & city attorney for 10 minutes to discuss a real estate purchase. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed. Executive session started at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m. No further action taken.

OTHER – It was noted that Channel 13 is broadcasting McPherson local information station if you have a digital cable box. Staff will contact Cox Communications.

Utilities – ORDINANCE 4491 – ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE - Lloyd Rohr moved to adopt Ordinance 4491, which increases the base charge from \$5 to \$8 dollars for residential electric customers and an Electric Energy Cost Adjustment for all electric customers to take effect with billings that are due by October 10, 2007. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROGRAM – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the contract with Utility Maintenance Contractors to rehabilitate manholes throughout the city at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks – LINDSBORG GOLF COURSE – No action was taken on this topic. Staff will gather more information for future committee meeting.

ARCH ON EAST LINCOLN – Becky Anderson presented some ideas to add a few Swedish touches to the East Lincoln Arch. The idea is to draw the attention of passers by to get more traffic downtown. Several

ideas were discussed and Ken Branch moved to send this item to committee for further study. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

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Public Safety – FIREWORKS PERMIT – Rick Martin moved to approve the Fireworks Permit request for the July 4th celebration. Motion seconded by Mark Van Camp and passed.

Purchase Order – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Purchase Order ordinance 4494. Motion seconded by Mark Van Camp and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4492 & 4493. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Jerry Sperling, City Clerk, thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks conference. She encouraged all council members to attend conferences for the education and the networking with other cities.

Adjournment – Russ Hefner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, CMC

City Clerk