

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – March 5, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Members Present – Brad Howe, Rick Martin, Becky Anderson, Bill Taylor, Russ Hefner, Betty Nelson, Ken Branch and John Magnuson

Absent – Lloyd Rohr

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Berggren, Judy & Gary Neuschafer, Mark Van Camp, Dan Carr, Linda Branch, John DeVine, Ellen Morgan, Priscilla Johnson, Maurice Bastian, Martin Yeager, Bill Wood, Lou Davis, Thad Morrical, Annette Duncan, Candice Friedrich, Paul & Sally Train, Keith Barnes, Jim Richardson, Mike Hoyt, Skippy & John Rathlef, Keith Kandt, Darrell Cooper & Helen Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Invocation was given by Darrell Cooper.

Before Public Input, Mayor Magnuson placed two letters that he had sent to the McPherson County Commission and a copy of the home page of the McPherson County Old Mill Museum website in the permanent record of the City. Betty Nelson also placed information regarding the Old Mill proposal and a copy of an email message she had received from the Smoky Hill Vineyards & Winery regarding the mill proposal.

Public Input – Martin Yeager, representing Bill Wood, indicated that he had been asked by Mr. Wood to explain his work with historical restoration projects with other small towns. He stated that the Old Mill is in need of preservation action as it is a part of Lindsborg history and heritage. Lack of funds is the issue for most cities and the ability to gather private investment is a good thing that can help communities that would otherwise be using tax dollars to fund such projects.

Linda Branch, representing the Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the interim CVB position to get things moving.

Maurice Bastian, owner of Lindsborg Hardware, spoke in favor of the proposal for the Old Mill revitalization and encouraged council to pursue it with vigor. It's the most beneficial proposal to come to Lindsborg in a long time.

Helen Weaver, of Lindsborg Antiques, echoed the remarks of Linda Branch regarding the CVB. She also spoke, only on her own behalf, of the Old Mill proposal, stating that she hopes that the city keeps this project alive and moving. Looking down the road 5 – 10 years and where do we want to be?

John Rathlef, downtown business owner, stated that he is also a teacher and noted that kids learn history better with living history because they often don't read the book or the labels.

Jim Richardson, business owner, stated that he found it encouraging that someone wants to invest in the community. It is good that people can speak and discuss without rancor and vilification and he hopes that something like this proposal can happen.

Agenda Amendments – none

Minutes – Bill Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2007 regular council meeting and the February 15, 2007 special meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Magnuson noted the meetings for the month and asked the city administrator to give a brief review of the upcoming retreat. The retreat is being held in Wichita at the Hotel at Old Town conference center. We will gather at city hall and leave on Friday evening, spend the night and hold the strategic planning on Saturday.

Mayor Magnuson submitted Tim Gadde for appointment to Emergency Medical Services. Becky Anderson moved to approve the appointment. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed.

The Mayor read a proclamation in support of the Smoky Valley High School men's basketball team as they qualified for the State Championship Tournament.

Administration & Finance – CVB INTERIM DIRECTOR – Brad Howe moved to approve the full amount (\$55,000) for The Leadership Firm to provide interim CVB-Chamber services. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CVB RESOLUTION 02-07 – Brad Howe moved to adopt Resolution 02-07 which dissolves the Convention & Tourism Committee and establishes a Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

COMPUTER HARDWARE DISPOSAL – The city recently upgraded the computers and plan to dispose of the old ones. They can be sold, donated or recycled. Betty Nelson moved to donate 2 computers to the Lindsborg Public Library. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Russ Hefner moved to offer computers to both the Senior Center and Villa Ro and the rest sold or disposed of through a recycler. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Utilities – The committee is working on a utility rate study but have no recommended action as yet.

Streets & Parks – PAINT BIDS FOR THE POOL – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$1,300 for the purchase of pool paint from Lindsborg Hardware. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY – Russ Hefner moved to approve the revised snow removal policy for the city. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed.

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE CONTRACT – Recycling Center – Betty Nelson moved to approve funds not to exceed \$20,000 for the contract with Clark Architecture & Design. Motion seconded by Russ Hefner and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Safety – CONCEALED CARRY ORDINANCE 4480 – Bill Taylor moved to have this item returned from the table. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed. Bill Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance 4480. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COATS – Bill Taylor moved to approve the purchase of 10 coats for the Fire Department from Chief Supply at a cost of \$819.00. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Purchase Order – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4484. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed by roll call vote with Bill Taylor abstaining.

Payroll – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4482 & 4483. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed by roll call vote with Bill Taylor voting no.

Other – The sign for the west entrance to Lindsborg is finished and waiting for the frame to be finished. Thad introduced his intern, Candice Friedrich.

Adjournment – Russ Hefner moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, CMC

City Clerk