

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

March 6, 2006 Minutes

7:00 p.m.

Members Present – Ken Branch, Gary Shogren, Lloyd Rohr, Bill Taylor, Rick Martin, Brad Howe, Betty Nelson, Becky Anderson & John Magnuson

Absent – none

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Larry Lindgren, Linda Branch, Dan Carr, Naomi Durant, Priscilla Johnson, Richard Kurtz, Willard Keding, Bob Scott, Lou Davis, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Mike Rodriguez, Paul & Sally Train, Keith Kandt, Nancy Lysell, Jeff Kurtz, Ericka Lysell, Elias Peterson, Daniel Norland, Koltan Talbott-Howard, Ryan Reed, Tyler Staples, Dustin & Derrick Dusin, Lars Peterson, Tommy Voight, Richard Voight, Scott Achenbach, Ronald Stam, Helen Weaver, Marsha Rolander, Kirsten Bruce, B. Anderson, Jon & Heidi Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Input – Heidi Peterson spoke regarding the Sundstrom building (attached).

Ronald Stam – Indicated that he is new to Lindsborg, but had worked at the American/Swedish Institute as a docent for 15 years. He told council that grants aren't awarded to communities when there is much dissension. He stated that he would pledge a \$100,000.00 interest-free loan to the city or whomever to jump start the project. It's time to table the past history and move forward.

Mayor Magnuson thanked the Boy Scouts from Troop 120 for attending the meeting.

Margo Lysell asked the mayor why he announced that he would seek an investigation by the Kansas Attorney General of actions taken by the council regarding the acquisition of the Sundstrom building. Mayor Magnuson stated that he stands by his actions and hoped that all information regarding the Sundstrom building would be revealed.

Minutes – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2006 regular meeting and the February 24, 2006 special council meeting. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed.

Mayor's Report – Betty Nelson reported that she had spoken with Pastor Dave Smith, TACOL President, regarding having clergy give an invocation at the beginning of council meetings. Betty Nelson moved to invite TACOL to resume the invocation at council. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed.

Mayor Magnuson noted that the Parks Task Force would be meeting on March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Appointments: Betty Nelson moved to approve the appointment of Kyle Peterson to the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the appointment of Jay Jensen to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed.

Mayor Magnuson thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting. He stated that the election a year ago was tumultuous and that many people had questions about the Sundstrom building that need to be answered.

Ron Stam: Lindsborg is at a crossroads right now. This can be a world class destination and the potential of the Sundstrom building is huge. We need to think beyond the city borders. There is another Sweden, and we need to look at present day Sweden. The contentious stuff needs to be tabled.

Ken Sjogren: We have so much to share and we need to all work together.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Administration & Finance – ORDINANCE 4425 – COUNCIL MEETING TIME – Gary Shogren moved to adopt Ordinance 4425 changing the council meeting time to 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SUNDSTROM BUILDING WORK SESSION – Rick Martin moved to send this back to committee for more study and bring back to the April meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed.

BUSINESS RETENTION, EXPANSION & RECRUITMENT PROGRAM – Gary Shogren moved to participate in the Kansas Department of Commerce Business Retention, Expansion & Recruitment program. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr & passed. The program will help determine issues & trends to help businesses plan strategies for success.

Utilities – WATERLINE UPGRADE – The upgrade will be on Washington Street from Lincoln to McPherson Streets. Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$11,154.25 to purchase materials from Water Products. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Additionally, Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$4,320.00 for Butterfield Boring to bore under Lincoln Street. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

UTILITY POLE BIDS – The city received three bids for the used utility poles. They are: \$373.00 from Connie Cox Dorf; \$310.50 from Gary Patrick; and \$2,010.00 from L & M Contractors. Betty Nelson moved to accept the bid from L&M Contractors. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed by voice vote and Rick Martin abstained.

Streets & Parks – DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS TO FLOWER BEDS – It is the consensus of the committee to put perennials in the beds, rather than flowers, to keep from needing to plant new every year. Rick Martin moved to allow the Parks Director to purchase boxwood shrubs not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed with 7 yes roll call votes and Gary Shogren abstained. It was noted that Ken Swisher is willing to spear head a project to replace the current benches in the downtown area.

RESOLUTION02-06, STATE AIDE ON THE HARRISON/COLE PROJECT – Becky

Anderson moved to adopt Resolution 02-06 authorizing the City Clerk and the Mayor to

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sign the agreement between the City of Lindsborg and KDOT for the KLINK grant for Highway 4. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed.

Public Safety – POLICE PORTABLE RADIO – Bill Taylor moved to approve \$2,314.20 to purchase a portable encrypted police radio from Ka-Comm., Inc. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

EMS PORTABLE RADIOS – Bill Taylor moved to approve \$4,023.68 for the purchase of 2 unencrypted radios from Ka-Comm., Inc. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 03-06 – EMS RATE INCREASE – Bill Taylor moved to adopt Resolution 03-06 increasing ambulance rates. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Purchase Order – Gary Shogren moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4428. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4426 & 4427. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Rick asked about the speed limit sign being moved further out on the road that heads toward the old soccer field parking lot.

Bill Taylor assured the public that although he is out of town often, he will respond to letters, calls or emails that he receives.

Adjournment – Betty Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling

City Clerk