

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2006

6:30 p.m.

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

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Dan Carr, Ron Stam, Lou Davis, Krishan Bhatnagar, Tim Dunn, Thad Morrical, Bill Carlson & Helen Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE YARD – Mayor Magnuson stated that he would allow a short time for public input on the topic of the storage yard. Ron Stam stated that he thought the city should give local artists a chance to turn the mess into art. Bill Carlson congratulated the city on the trail, but is a bit concerned about the way the Coop looks. Krishan Bhatnagar: The city has been using the storage space for a decade or so. (1) Was the city council aware of this problem at the inception of the trail, say 4-5 years hence? (2) Why this issue was not addressed by the city council before? (3) Who represented the city council on the trail board committee and for how long? Comment: I am sure if the city administration were given ample time, they would have come with a feasible cost effective solution and budgeted for the project accordingly. Idea of a wall doesn't seem a bad idea; it could have murals painted on it. So before you spend "our" tax dollars on a big project; think about it.

The area was cleaned up a year ago and the city kept what they needed. It would take 1 to 1 ½ acres to house the “stuff”. The trail is looking good. Council reviewed information concerning the real expense of moving the items temporarily. The priorities rise to the top. There is \$15,000 budgeted for Swensson Park this year. The Other consideration is time. There is not enough time to get it done. Trees are planned along the area as well as the Coop area.

Ken Branch moved to purchase a new site for Public Works storage and phase out the current spot by the trail. Clean up the area prior to the trail grand opening. Gary Shogren seconded the motion for discussion. Brad stated that he would prefer a fence and clean up the site. After further discussion the motion failed with Ken Branch and Gary Shogren voting yes and Betty Nelson, Bill Taylor, Lloyd Rohr, Becky Anderson, Rick Martin and Brad Howe voting no.

Lloyd Rohr moved to continue to pursue the purchase of property for Public Works and then clean up the current storage yard of the bricks, rusted iron, the old trailer and playground equipment. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed by roll call vote with Becky Anderson voting no and all others voting yes.

Betty Nelson moved to approve a cedar fence from Dillinger Fence not to exceed \$6,700. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and failed by roll call vote with Betty Nelson and Brad Howe voting yes and all others voting no.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, CMC

City Clerk