

Lindsborg City Council

Minutes

June 6, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent – Bill Taylor

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Tim Berggren, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Thad Morrical, Paul & Sally Train, Krishan Bhatnager, Ken Ebling, Lou Davis, John Marshall, Larry Lindgren, Helen Weaver, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Bill Lambert, Bob & Sally Scott, Jeff Kurtz, Paul Gentine, Bill Gusenius, Rick Nelson, Robert & Anita Thackery, Judy & Gary Neuschafer and Einar Johnson

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

Public Input – Mayor Magnuson reported that he was working with staff to form a process for public input to run smoothly.

Krishan Bhatnager – stated that he attended the council capital improvement work session. He also encouraged council members to get out and talk to the people in their wards. Represent the concerns of the citizens they represent and don't have a personal agenda.

Lou Davis – spoke of concern about spending the money on new water meters for remote read and the life of the equipment.

Minutes – Rick Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 1005 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Magnuson thanked those who attended the fundraiser for Becky Chambers. He also congratulated Richard & Jeff Kurtz for their recent motorcycle trip.

He noted that the state is statutorily required to send funding to cities via LAVTR and special city/county highway money, but they are currently not being paid. The State is in a crunch to fund education and the next likely place to get the funds needed is to take the motor vehicle tax money from cities and give it to education. If that happens it would take a 5.5 mil increase to replace the money. The city will need to re-evaluate their needs as well as future street projects.

Mayor Magnuson noted that the July and September regular meeting days fall on holidays, so Betty Nelson moved to hold the July meeting on July 5th and the September meeting on September 6th. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed.

Planning & Zoning – ORDINANCE 4383 – Burma Properties. Rick Nelson & Einar Johnson were present representing Burma Properties. Mr. Nelson indicated that they are selling a portion of their property to a development company in Topeka. Their plan is to

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start with two and three unit homes for rent at reasonable rates. They intend to apply for tax credits for some of the units so that they can be affordable to lower income people. The management company intends to build a spec duplex to see what the interest is in this area. Burma Properties knows that by splitting off one lot in order to allow this spec unit, they will be unable to divide any more off of the property without platting the whole area. The request before the council is to rezone the one lot to allow for the construction of the spec unit. Betty Nelson moved to adopt Ordinance 4383, allowing the property to be zoned R-2, Two Family Dwelling District. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed.

Administration & Finance – SUNDSTROM BUILDING – Betty Nelson moved to remove this item from the table that was made at the May 3, 2005 meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes. The motion before the council was to accept the offer of \$135,000.00 that was made at the last meeting. Ken Branch felt that the council needs more input from the community. Gary Shogren agreed and felt council should consider other avenues. Becky Anderson stated that they, as a council, had been negligent in not getting things rolling on this building. It is too important an issue. Brad Howe stated that he felt the prospective buyer could have done well here, but feels that through council should get things rolling. Lloyd agreed. Motion failed by roll call vote with all voting no.

Paul Gentine, from Smoky Valley Development Company, will prepare some information regarding historical designations, restrictions, tax credit and potential uses. A meeting is planned for June 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss options for the building.

SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES – Gary Shogren informed those present that the committee discussed Sunday Liquor sales for the city of Lindsborg. Recent legislation was passed that made provisions for cities to allow for Sunday sales. The city can adopt an ordinance allowing it or a petition signed by registered voters can be filed with the city for the questions to be placed on a ballot for a vote of the electorate. It was the committee’s decision to take no action at this time.

CHESS FOR PEACE – This is a multi-event program that will begin in October of 2005 with a visit from former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev to help kick-off the International Chess for Peace Festival. The goal of this program is to promote international peace through chess. During Spring Break of 2006, five to six hundred students from the United States will travel to Russia to play chess in Red Square. The final event of the program will take place in June of 2006 with 2,000 International children coming to Lindsborg for a weeklong chess and peace festival. The total budget for this program is \$366,000.00. The start-up cost for the program is \$18,000.00. The estimated impact to the economy of Lindsborg and the surrounding area is over \$4,000,000.00. Dr. Korenman is requesting assistance with the start-up cost for the festival. Gary Shogren moved to approve \$18,000.00 to cover the start-up costs for the festival. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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The funds to cover this program will come from the funds that would have been used for the salary of the economic development director.

Utilities – AUTOMATED METER READING FOR WATER DEPARTMENT – Gary Shogren moved to approve \$17,290.00 for the purchase of 41 meters along with hand-held reading devices, software and training from Salina Supply Company. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks – EAST LINCOLN STREET CHANGE ORDER – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$7,791.00 for the change order to finish up E. Lincoln Street. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

STREETS DEPARTMENT TRUCK BID – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$18,200.52 for the purchase of a 1 ½ ton truck from Long McArthur. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

TRUCK BED FOR STREETS DEPARTMENT TRUCK – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$7,577.00 to purchase a 12-foot, heavy duty platform bed for the Streets Department truck from Mid-America Truck Equipment. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SIDEWALK BIDS – The city received three bids as follows: Poser Construction - \$30,775.00 or \$3 per sq. ft; Bellah Construction - \$33,327.50 or \$3.10 per sq ft; and Coy Construction - \$45,087.50 or \$4.75 per sq ft. Becky Anderson moved to approve the bid from Power Construction. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

STREET OVERLAY PROPOSAL – Becky Anderson moved to approve the bid from APAC/Shears in the amount of \$92,147.20 for overlay work on the 500 block of N. Kansas, Northeast First Street, Union Street, the 200 block of S. First and an asphalt patch on West Highway 4. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT APPLICATION – This is a topic that will be addressed at a later date and it was noted that council wants public input and will hold work sessions.

STREET BANNERS – The council members discussed the various proposals given and the merits of vinyl vs. cloth and digital vs. screen print. Betty Nelson moved to pursue a digital design with Jay Richardson and use Street Décor for the banner at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 plus shipping for a total of 48 banners for East Lincoln and Harrison/Cole. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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SWENSSON PARK SIDEWALK CORRIDOR – The committee spent considerable time discussing paving the natural walkway through Swensson Park. They also discussed the issues at Riverside Park, Carlson Park, the Trail and parks to preserve floodways. It was the consensus of the committee to have staff get an estimate of cost to develop a Parks Master Plan for the 2006 budget. No action taken.

Public Safety- FIRE TRUCK BIDS – Rick Martin moved to approve \$251,702.00 for the purchase of a fire truck from Hays Fire Equipment Sales & Service. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. Martin commended those who did all of the leg work to provide council with the best data to make an informed decision.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT – Rick Martin moved to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce for the July 4th fireworks display. Chief Berggren indicated that they have all of the required paperwork in order. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed.

NO PARKING SIGNS ON E. LINCOLN – Rick Martin moved to approve the no parking signs on E. Lincoln. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Purchase Order – Gary Shogren moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4384. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Gary Shogren moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4381 & 4382. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Lloyd Rohr made note of two articles in the Kansas Government Journal regarding oath of office and Coronado Heights.

Adjournment – Lloyd Rohr moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling

City Clerk