

CITY OF LINDSBORG

May 2, 2005

Minutes

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent – None

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Dunn, Tim Berggren, Thad Morrical, Larry Lindgren, Bill Gusenius, Bob Scott, John Patterson, Keo O'Rourke, Helen Weaver, Marsha Howe, John Marshall, Kathi Patterson, Paul Dahlberg, Keith Kandt, Martin Larson, Miguel Contreras, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Peter & Jean Ahlers, Krishan & Rosalee Bhatnager, Marjorie Swenson, Jeff Kurtz, Chris Matthews, Richard Kurtz, Earl Nelson, Anita & Robert Thackery, Sue Dahlsten, Elfriede Horun, Judy Neuschafer, Eric Monder, Lois Howe, Dave & Alida Casper, Kally Tuttle, Beth Walker, Dennis Carlson, Esther & Hilding Jaderborg, Darlene Magnuson, George Armbruster, Jim Attleson, Jene & Ron Heape, Steve Johnson, Susan Whitfield Lundgren, Bill & Ilene Lambert, Mary Ann Almquist, Jan Cambridge-Lewis, Kathy Richardson, Plato Shepherd, Bill Carlson, Steve Koch & Dean Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. by Council President, Gary Shogren, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

City Clerk, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, administered the Oath of Office of Mayor of Lindsborg to John Magnuson. She then administered the Oath of Office to incoming council members Brad Howe, Becky Anderson, Gary Shogren & Ken Branch.

Public Input – Beth Walker, representing the Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on the Chamber plans to hire 2 full time employees and have the office open through the noon hour and on Saturdays. She also gave council a print of the new billboards that will be on I-70. She stated that they hope to work closely with the Economic Development Director when one is hired.

Peter Ahlers congratulated the newly elected council members and mayor. He stated that he hoped that the mood of the city would improve and we could get out of the position of immobility and stop the acrimony.

Minutes – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the minutes of the April 4th regular council meeting and the April 15th special council meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Magnuson presented the following officers for appointment: Greg DuMars, City Administrator; City Clerk, Jerry Lovett-Sperling; Director of Public Safety, Tim Berggren; Director of Public Works, Tim Dunn; Director of Parks & Recreation, Thad Morrival; City Attorney, William Gusenius; Municipal Judge, David A.

Page; Fire Chief, Kent Ebling; Treasurer, Ruth Flohr. Gary Shogren moved to approve the appointments. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Mayor Magnuson presented the list of names for citizen committee appointments. Betty Nelson moved to consider the appointments by committee rather than en masse. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. There was concern expressed that not all committee chairs had been visited with prior to these recommendations. Mayor Magnuson responded that he apologized and that he should have briefed all committees prior to this meeting. It was an oversight and would attempt to do better in the future.

Library Board – Keo O’Rourke & Chester Peterson, Jr. Brad Howe moved, seconded by Betty Nelson to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Housing Authority Board – David Casper & Lou Davis. Brad Howe moved, seconded by Ken Branch, to approve the appointments. There was a question as to the reasoning behind not selecting Keith Kandt. Mayor Magnuson stated that it was his choice. Motion passed with a hand vote of 5 to 3.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Gaylia Lindholm & Gary Neuschafer. Betty Nelson moved, seconded by Becky Anderson, to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Planning & Zoning – Bruce Carlson, Krishan Bhatnager & Jeff Kurtz. Gary Shogren moved, seconded by Betty Nelson, to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Cassie Urban. Betty Nelson moved, seconded by Gary Shogren, to approve the appointment. Motion passed.

Cemetery Board – R.D. Rasmusson. Gary Shogren moved, seconded by Lloyd Rohr, to approve the appointment. Motion passed.

Design Review – Linda Branch. Gary Shogren moved, seconded by Betty Nelson, to approve the appointment. Motion passed.

Gifts & Bequests – Charlie Johnson. Bill Taylor moved, seconded by Betty Nelson, to approve the appointment. Motion passed.

Public Safety Advisory Board – Van Bloomquist, Delwin Koons & Tim Berggren. Rick Martin moved, seconded by Lloyd Rohr, to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Sister City – Marc Anderson & DeVere Blomberg. Betty Nelson moved, seconded by Bill Taylor, to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Tree Board – Rolland Christianson & Peter Ahlers. Gary Shogren moved, seconded by Betty Nelson, to approve the appointments. Motion passed.

Tourism – Larry Griffiths, Dean Anderson, Nancy Salminen & Bill Lambert. Lloyd Rohr moved, seconded by Rick Martin, to approve the appointment. Motion passed.

Council President – Betty Nelson nominated Becky Anderson, seconded by Rick Martin. Brad Howe nominated Ken Branch, who declined. Brad Howe nominated Bill Taylor, who declined. Lloyd Rohr moved that nominations cease. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed. Motion to select Becky Anderson as council president passed.

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Mayor Magnuson noted the May meetings and the upcoming Millfest. Also, the Streets & Parks & Public Safety committee meetings are changed to Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 a.m.

Planning & Zoning – The Smoky Valley Baptist Church has requested an exemption for the sidewalk on the property where they are to build a new church. The Planning & Zoning committee has recommended that council approve this request. Gary Shogren moved to approve the request. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed.

Administration & Finance – SUNDSTROM BUILDING OFFER – The prospective buyer for the building has made a counter offer of \$135,000.00. Brad Howe moved to accept the offer. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr. Brad Howe stated that he felt it was a good offer considering the shape the building is in. Ken Branch said that at one time he thought the building was being considered for a community center. Brad Howe stated that he was on a committee looking in to possibilities for a community center and that they felt that that building was wrong for that purpose. Miguel Contreras, the buyer, indicated that he wants to fix it quick so that he can start making money on his investment. He thinks it is a good investment. Betty Nelson stated that she felt that the issue should be tabled and sent back to committee for consideration and ask the city attorney and Mr. Contreras to be present. Lloyd Rohr stated that we have an offer and the things that can and cannot be done are governed by the city zoning regulations and other city codes. Ken Branch – This is the “Sundstrom” building – a major part of downtown and we need to work cooperatively with whomever buys the building. Betty Nelson moved to table the motion for consideration by committee. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed.

Utilities – POLE PULLER QUOTE – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$1,593.85 plus tax to purchase a pole puller for the polecat truck from Terex Utilities. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks – ARTS COUNCIL REQUEST – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$2,000 for the Arts Council, a budgeted item. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

BLEACHER QUOTES – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$8,000.00 to purchase 4 sets of bleachers from -----Sturdisteel. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

BUCKET ATTACHMENT FOR FRONT END LOADER - Becky Anderson moved to approve \$5,050.00 plus freight to purchase the bucket attachment from Murphy Tractor. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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E. LINCOLN WIRE UPGRADE – Becky moved to approve \$2,550.00 for a wire upgrade on E. Lincoln, to be charged to the cost of the arch. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed with 7 yes votes and Brad Howe voting no.

Public Safety – NEW OFFICER – Chief Berggren introduced our newest officer, Stephen Koch.

Purchase Order – Bill Taylor moved to approve Purchase Order Ordinance 4380. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Betty Nelson moved to approve Payroll Ordinances 4378 & 4379. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Lloyd Rohr voiced his concern that the placement of the arch on E. Lincoln is too close to the curb and also too close to the intersection.

Adjournment – Lloyd Rohr moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.