

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL

Minutes

November 7, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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

Others – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Thad Morrival, Larry Lindgren, Annette Duncan, Tim Berggren, Lou Davis, Rosalie & Krishan Bhatnagar, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Misha Korenman, John Riggs, Joel Weide, Don Hellwig, Ken Avery, John Peterson & Bruce Spare

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

Public Input – Misha Korenman thanked the city, the council and citizens for their help with the Chess for Peace project. Stories of the Gorbachev visit and the Chess for Peace Project appeared in various publications and television segments worldwide. He thanked city employees Greg DuMars, Annette Duncan, Jerry Lovett-Sperling and Tim Berggren for their help and guidance.

Minutes – Betty Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 regular council meeting and the October 13, 2005 special meeting. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Magnuson noted that the council retreat is set for November 14, at 5:30 p.m. There will be no public participation, however, it is an open meeting and the public may attend. Personnel Policy committee will meet on November 18 at 7:00 a.m. The Mayor thanked Misha Korenman and Tim Berggren for their efforts on the Gorbechev visit. Streets & Parks Committee will meet on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 a.m. Mayor Magnuson gave Betty Nelson a letter requesting information regarding a proposed plan for the Sundstrom Building that he received from a resident. Betty responded to the inquiry stating that talking with an individual citizen is not a matter of public record, which was confirmed by the City Attorney.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Administration & Finance – PURCHASING POLICY AMENDMENT – Gary Shogren moved to approve the amendment to the policy which allows city administrator approval of purchases under \$1,000. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT – Gary Shogren moved to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy to allow those employees who work on a holiday will receive double time pay for the actual holiday only and not an alternate day which may

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be designated if it falls on a weekend. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Utilities – SERVICE PROVIDER FOR ANNEXED PROPERTIES – The manager of DS&O Rural Electric was present, with three of his board members, to give the opinion of DS&O regarding providing service to two recently annexed parcels of land. The City opinion was given by City Administrator, Greg DuMars. DS&O stated that they are willing to work with the city to avoid long term territory loss. After discussion, Lloyd Rohr moved to have the service for the two properties provided by the City of Lindsborg. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ELECTRIC RATE STUDY PROPOSAL – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve \$2,000.00 to fund an electric rate study conducted by the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote. It was noted that it has been approximately 12 years since a rate study was done for the City of Lindsborg.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT WITH WESTAR ENERGY – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the confidentiality agreement with Westar Energy so that talks between the City of Lindsborg and Westar could begin about the possibility of participation in the coal/electric generation facility that Westar is developing. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Streets & Parks – BANDSHELL DOOR REPLACEMENT BIDS – Rick Martin moved to approve \$1,000 for Quality electric to remove & replace 4 doors at the bandshell. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed by roll call vote with Brad Howe voting no and all others voting yes.

WELCOME SIGN: WEST ENTRY – Rick Martin moved to approve \$295.95 for the Hemslöjd to build a sign structure for a welcome sign on the west entrance of town. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote. It was the consensus of the council to place the sign at about Third Street.

SIDEWALK WAIVER – Rick Martin moved to approve the request from McPherson Area Habitat for Humanity for a sidewalk waiver for the homes that have been and are being built on S. Pine. They plan to put in all sidewalks after construction is complete. Motion seconded by Ken Branch and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – Rick Martin moved to approve \$9,051.67 to complete the funding necessary for the engineering services for the project on Harrison/Cole. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE REQUEST – It has been requested by the Christmas Committee that the City provide decoration for the street lamps on E. Lincoln. After discussion by council members, Becky Anderson moved to provide funds not to exceed \$200 to bring a Christmas presence to E. Lincoln. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Safety – SAFETY CENTER ROOF REPAIR BID – Bill Taylor moved to approve the bid from Jayhawk Roofing in an amount of \$14,000.00. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Purchase Order – Gary Shogren moved to approve payment of the corrected Purchase Order Ordinance 4412. Motion seconded by Bill Taylor and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4410 & 4411. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment – Betty Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling, CMC

City Clerk