

Lindsborg City Council

Minutes

July 5, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent – Bill Taylor

Others Present – Greg DuMars, Jerry Lovett-Sperling, Tim Dunn, Tim Berggren, Thad Morrical, Larry Lindgren, Paul Train, Jack & Marliss Detmers, Bob & Sally Scott, Paul Dahlberg, Keith Kandt, Maurice Bastion, Helen Weaver, Lou Davis, Linda Branch, Ken Swisher, John Marshall, Jene Heape, Dan Fricke, Misha Korenman, Bill Lambert, Richard Kurtz, Krishan Bhatnager, Beth Walker, Bunny Hultgren, Susan Whitfield-Lundgren, Marc Anderson, Sue Schlagel, Priscilla Johnson & Larry Douglas

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

Public Input – Ken Swisher, representing Smoky Valley Development Co, distributed a letter expressing concern about the denial of the grant request for the Karpov Chess School. The letter urges the City to aid in helping to secure the “Laubach Center” as a facility for both the Chess School and a Community Center.

Misha Korenman, Karpov Chess School, expressed thanks to the council for its support of Chess for Peace. He confirmed that he was not given much reason for the denial of the grant, and indicated that the school will have no operating budget after the current month. He noted that the Chess School is not the type of business to generate a large income, so was thinking about adding equipment for sale. He had a teaching coach lined up to come, but that has fallen through and the 2nd rated female player is ready to move to Lindsborg, but is now on hold. He thanked the community for their support and hopes to save the chess school and remain in Lindsborg.

Keith Kandt voiced his personal support for the chess program. It has brought many students to Lindsborg and will benefit the new charter school as well as the huge economic impact.

Nancy Salminen, Chamber Director, spoke in regard to marketing Lindsborg. She stated that marketing Lindsborg is the basis of all efforts of the Chamber. They are ambassadors for the community with many responsibilities and expectations. They have a common goal with the Lindsborg Marketing Association and the City and hopes that all can work together for the good of the community.

Minutes – Lloyd Rohr moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2005 regular council meeting. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Magnuson thanked JoAn Hamilton and Alan Lindfors for their efforts on the July 4th celebration.

Mayor Magnuson recommended the appointment of Kelsey Brunsell to the EMS department. Betty Nelson moved to approve the appointment. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed. Mayor Magnuson then recommended Mim Johnson to the Library Board, Toni Thompson to Planning & Zoning, Ken Peterson to Board of Zoning Appeals and Jay Jensen to fill the spot to be vacated by Cassie Urban at the end of the July. Gary Shogren moved to approve the appointments. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson and passed.

Planning & Zoning – no report

Administration & Finance – LINDSBORG MARKETING ASSOCIATION – Ken Branch moved to approve \$8,000 to help provide funding for the 2006 marketing plan. Motion seconded by Brad Howe. Discussion: Becky Anderson stated that the bottom line is that the Chamber, LMA and others are interested in marketing Lindsborg and hopes that all can work together as a community and can cease the divisiveness. Betty Nelson noted that she would be supportive of the City paying the \$3,100 for the 2006 Ks. Getaway Guide. She supports the marketing Lindsborg and agrees that the various groups should work together. Ken Branch was persuaded by the fact that the LMA is prepared to market the whole town and that they are up and ready to go. He stated that his personal feelings are with the Chamber & wishes that all could be done through them, only with all money monitored and evaluated. He also believes there might be some advantage to being a 501C6. Betty Nelson moved to amend the original motion to state approval of \$3,100.00 to fund the ad for the 2006 Kansas Getaway Guide with the City Administrator to sign off on the objectivity of the ad and to pay the agency directly rather than going through the MLA. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren. Discussion: the funds would come from reserves & general fund. Becky Anderson: the issue is about loyalty to the group you're coming from. Maybe the Chamber of commerce is not a viable entity – we have evolved and grown – maybe we are moving more toward a Convention & Visitors Bureau. We are asking people (chamber employees) to do a yeoman's job with little salary or benefits. Lloyd Rohr: stated that he supports the Chamber even though he hasn't always agreed with their decisions. His concern is that when we get people to town, many of the shops do not stay open long enough to give the tourists something to do in the evening. He

will support the \$3,100.00. Priscilla Johnson: sees the need for administrative coordination so that everyone is working together toward the goal.

The question was called. The motion to amend passed unanimously by roll call vote. The amended motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. The City will provide \$3,100.00 for the ad in the 2006 Kansas Getaway Guide with city administrator to sign off on the ad and funds paid directly to the agency and not the MLA.

DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL CITY DEPOSITORIES – Gary Shogren moved to designate Farmers State Bank, Lindsborg State Bank and the Kansas Municipal

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Investment Pool as Official City Depositories. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL CITY NEWSPAPER – Gary Shogren moved to designate the Lindsborg News Record as the Official City Newspaper. Motion seconded by Betty Nelson. Brad Howe stated that the local paper should improve on keeping the community's best interest first, provide a forum for public debate, report the news objectively, and timely printing. Brad Howe voted "no" and all others voted "yes".

TAX STATUS OF MAYOR'S TRIP – Gary Shogren moved to have staff submit the proper documents to have Mayor Rolander's trip overseas added as a fringe benefit. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr. The city had obtained a 3rd party opinion on this issue to help council determine the proper way to handle the issue. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

TOURISM COMMITTEE – The city Tourism Committee met on June 29, 2005 and at that meeting it was recommended that the city dissolve the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to regulate and disperse the transient guest tax money for the city. The Tourism committee is an advisory board and would have no jurisdiction to spend the money, but would recommend to council how the money should be spent. Gary Shogren moved to send this to the Administration & Finance committee for further study. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously.

Utilities – SBC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – Gary Shogren moved to accept this agreement and consider this the first reading of the contract. Motion seconded by Brad Howe and passed.

Streets & Parks – BACK TO SCHOOL BASH – The Back to School Bash is a joint project between the Parks & Recreation Department, the Police Department and USD 400 for Smoky Valley School District students going into grades 7 – 12. The Parks & Rec. Dept contracts for inflatable games for the evening. The city received five bids and Becky Anderson moved to approve the bid from Jumpin' Jays in the amount of \$1,100.00. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT – Becky Anderson moved to approve the construction administration contract between the City and Wilson & Co. in the amount of \$68,994.41.

Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously by roll call vote. This cost is 80% reimbursable under the grant the city received.

ASPHALT MILLING CONTRACT REVISIONS – Becky Anderson moved to approve \$8,618.40 to APAC Shears to mill and overlay the westbound lane of K-4 between 3rd & Chestnut Streets. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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GRANT STREET VACATION – Ordinance 4389 – Becky Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 4389, which vacates Grant Street from Cole Street west to the spot where Ash Street was previously vacated. Motion seconded by Rick Martin and passed unanimously.

Public Safety – RIFLE PURCHASE – Rick Martin moved to approve the purchase of two DPMSAR15 APR Panther Carbine rifles from Chuck's Outback in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

LESS LETHAL SHOTGUN PURCHASE – Rick Martin moved to approve the purchase of two Remington 870 shotguns that fire shells that contains a sock or beanbag projectile, at a cost of \$809.20 from Chuck's

Outback. Motion seconded by Becky Anderson and passed unanimously by roll call vote. These shotguns have orange stocks so that there will be no mistake about which guns fire the less lethal shells.

Purchase Order – Betty Nelson moved to approve payment of Purchase Order Ordinance 4387. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payroll – Gary Shogren moved to approve payment of Payroll Ordinances 4385 & 4386. Motion seconded by Lloyd Rohr and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Other – Lloyd Rohr moved to change the August meeting to the 8th to allow for the budget hearing. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed.

Adjournment – Lloyd Rohr moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Shogren and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lovett-Sperling

City Clerk