

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
August 19, 2024–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Clark Shultz, Rebecca Van Der Wege, Kirsten Bruce, Blaine Heble, Joshua Swanson, John Presley, Andrew Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tanner Corwin, Corey Peterson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, Steve Eckman (Bethany College), Scott Bontz (News Record), Erica Kruckenberg, Eric Kruckenberg, Elena Northcutt, Adam Northcutt, Cale Northcutt, Holly Lofton, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Marcus Petty, Lauren Doak, Milton Collins, Noah Flores, Mike Adams, Chief Davis, Bethany Shultz, Betsy Davis (McPherson County Community Foundation), Michelle Huddle (McPherson County Community Foundation)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark Shultz, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Wichita State University founded one of the earliest honors programs in the country in 1957, naming the program in honor of Dr. Emory Lindquist in 1978. Mayor Shultz introduced Betany College Interim President Steve Eckman who spoke briefly about Emory Lindquist. Mayor Shultz proclaimed August 24, 2024, as a day of celebration honoring Emory Lindquist Honors Program and the Dorothy and Bill Cohen Honors College.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5497, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5498. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Shultz appointed Tracy Nielander to the Lindsborg Housing Authority Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Betsy Davis from McPherson County Community Foundation shared the Mastermind McPherson survey results. Results can be found on the McPherson County Community Foundation website.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

At the City Council meeting on July 15, 2019, the Lindsborg City Council unanimously approved an initial five-year contract with the USD 400 School District to establish and support a School Resource Officer (SRO) position.

Following discussions with the USD 400 Superintendent and staff, both parties concur that extending the SRO position through a new five-year contract would be advantageous. The USD 400 School Board approved the renewal of this contract at their meeting in July 2024.

There were some minor changes between the old and new contracts. Below is a summary of those changes:

- Legal terms in the agreement were revised based on the reviewing attorneys' recommendations.
- Added language to confirm both parties' agreement on SRO selection, allow the Lindsborg Police Department flexibility to use SROs for short-term absences or vacancies, outlines the district paying for overtime assignments, and specifies when the officer can return to field duties when not working for district.
- Added language to specify the agreement's duration and clarify expense distribution.
- Updated numbering, headings, and minor language changes and clarifications.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the SRO contract between the USD 400 School District and the City of Lindsborg. Seconded by John Presley and passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk