

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
September 3, 2024–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Roxie Sjogren, Zachary Strella, Marcus Petty, Noah Flores, Milton Collins, Lurn Doak, David Hay, Chris Lindholm, Chief Davis, Holly Lofton, Pam Ash, Scott Bontz, Lucy Heller, Marian Lindshield, Elena Northcutt, Adam Northcutt

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Pam Ash asked if there could be future conversation about possibly adding more information about the arts in the City's quarterly newsletter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no amendments to the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Shultz shared a photo from his day at Wichita State University for Emory Lindquist Day, at which he read a Proclamation. He shared how complimentary everyone was of Lindsborg.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5499, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5500. Motion seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

Kevin Kindlesparger was appointed to the Lindsborg Volunteer Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Lindsborg Senior Center

Marian Lindshield, Director of the Lindsborg Senior Center, shared information with City Council regarding the Senior Center's budget, services offered, programs offered, as well as the Dala Van transportation services.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Milton Collins, Community Development Director, reported on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) August 20, 2024, meeting. BZA discussed a variance request for a recreation vehicle that was in a residential district. The current occupant has been given one year in which to find a new residence. The area where the recreation vehicle is parked is in the R1 district for single family dwellings, not recreation vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emerald Lake Lift Station Rebuild

The Emerald Lake lift station was built and put into service in the mid-1990s with the development of Emerald Lake Estates. For the first five years, the lift of the station pumps did not run for many hours as the number of homes was limited and the flows into the station were low. Over the next 10 to 15 years, the number of homes increased steadily as did the flows to the station. Over the years the impellers were worn and the seals on the motors started to have issues. In 2016, both motors were rebuilt and the impellers replaced. The pumps worked well for several years following the rebuild, but over time are starting to have problems again. Along with that, the check valves are getting worn out and the lift railings are suffering from significant corrosion. These pumps and check valves are always sitting in wastewater and the guide rails and lifting items are subject to high humidity and a corrosive atmosphere. Neither of these conditions are helpful for the longevity of equipment.

For these reasons discussed above, the replacement of equipment was put into the CIP a few years back so that the lift station components could be replaced before significant operational issues started. Staff have reached out to several different companies to discuss rehabilitation of the station. The main issue that they ran into was that while there are several different manufacturers of this equipment, often they are proprietary and certain parts and pieces do not fit with other manufacturers. This means that more pieces of equipment must be replaced to make a switch, thus raising the cost an estimated \$10,000 to \$20,000. For this reason, the same brand and style of pumps will be used for replacement.

Two companies that represent the current equipment came to look at the job—Enviro-Line out of Osawatomie and C&B Equipment out of Wichita. Enviro-Line submitted a proposal with all the needed items including labor and equipment. C&B sells the equipment and does some work but is not really equipped to do this type of work and did not submit a proposal.

Enviro-Line is a well equipment company established in 1971 specializing in wastewater service and lift station replacement.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the proposal from Enviro-Line Co. Inc for the replacement of the listed parts and labor to rehab the Emerald Lake lift Station for \$27,379.00 plus applicable taxes. Seconded by Councilmember Tanner Corwin and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

KPERS 457 Deferred Compensation Agreement-Resolution No. 05-2024

A 457(b) Deferred Compensation program allows an employee to have a pre-tax deduction to place in a deferred compensation account. The City of Lindsborg has had a 457 deferred compensation agreement with Security Benefits since 2007. This provides the employees with an additional retirement program to help with their future retirement needs. For the employees, this is a voluntary program. Staff began looking into other options after attending KPERS training during which the company that manages the KPERS 457(b) presented the benefits of having this under the KPERS umbrella. The following was shared when a comparison was done with the city's current provider.

- KPERS 457(b) is the State of Kansas Plan. Lindsborg can attach itself to the state plan just like many surrounding employers (Saline County, McPherson County, City of McPherson, City of Lyons, City of Ellsworth, City of Abilene, Rice County, McPherson BPU and Smoky Valley Schools—a few of the nearly 500 who already do so).
- There is no cost to the City of Lindsborg to participate.
- Often, KPERS 457(b) has a lower administrative fee.
 - Asset based charge: 0.145% for KPERS 457 vs 0.75% for current plan.
 - Average fund expense: 0.25% for KPERS 457 vs 1.03% for current plan.
 - Average 'all-in' expense (admin fee + fund expense): 0.395% for KPERS 457 vs 1.78% for current plan.
- Coordination with KPERS for retirement projections, including KPERS estimates along with best of class tools and website.

- KPERS handles fiduciary responsibilities (see attached slide). Right now, the City handles employer AND fiduciary responsibilities.
- Salaried advisors rather than commissioned.

There are currently 11 employees participating in a deferred compensation plan with Security Benefits. They would not be required to move to KPERS 457(b) but would have the option to do so. This would be the only plan offered to new employees if approved by the City Council.

There is no contribution from the City of Lindsborg; it is entirely the employees' contribution.

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve Resolution 05-2024 authorizing the City of Lindsborg to execute documents for an employee 457(b) Deferred Compensation Program with KPERS 457 as the program administrator. Seconded by Councilmember Joshua Swanson and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk