

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
October 7, 2024–6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebecca Van Der Wege

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Northcutt, Marcus Petty, Milton Collins, Chief Mike Davis, Chris Lindholm, David Hay, Noah Flores, Holly Lofton, Scott Bontz, Michelle Huddle, Elena Northcutt

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:

Mayor Shultz recognized Judy Pilewski, who is a member of the Cemetery Board, and Alaina Woods, both of whom were featured in the Lindsborg News-Record recently for their work of locating and marking nearly 200 unmarked graves of pioneers born before 1869 at the Elmwood Cemetery. The mayor thanked them for spending their time undertaking this important project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024, revenue neutral hearing and the regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5503, and Purchase Order Ordinance 5504. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

McPherson County Community Foundation Scholarship – Resolution No. 06-2024

Last month, Michelle Huddle, the Chief Financial Officer for the McPherson County Community Foundation, reached out to the City with information about a new endeavor the Foundation is undertaking. They are establishing a new fund to recruit recent graduates to McPherson County as one approach to ease the impact of businesspeople, vocational workers, healthcare workers, etc. retiring and a decreasing workforce to replace them.

Essentially, the idea is a “Reverse Scholarship” fund that can be used for student loan repayment or relocation assistance. To do so, the Foundation must establish a charitable purpose. One way to establish this is by the City Councils and Commissions of each city in the county passing a resolution stating that, “by bringing additional people back to our communities, we increase the tax base and generate more tax dollars, thus reducing the burden on the cities.”

The Foundation is requesting that the City of Lindsborg pass a resolution that recognizes the above points and establish the Foundation as the entity to accomplish this economic growth. There is no financial commitment required of the City, just the written support of the resolution. The program would be fully funded by the Foundation through donors.

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve Resolution No. 06-2024, supporting the McPherson County Community Foundation in establishing the McPherson County Community Foundation Reverse Scholarship Fund. Seconded by Councilmember Blaine Heble and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Substation Transformer Maintenance

As part of the substation transformer project, maintenance was planned and budgeted for the old transformer after the new one had been brought online. This work was to take place once the proper operation of the new transformer was proven, and the loads were reduced with cooler fall temperatures. This work will require the transfer off all loads to the new transformer then de-energizing, disconnecting, isolating, and grounding the old transformer. The maintenance to be performed will include removal of the old oil and testing for contaminants, replacement of leaking oil seals on a level gauge, inspection of the unit, and replacement of the oil.

There will also be maintenance and inspection done on the Load Tap Changer (LTC). The LTC is the device that automatically controls the increase and decrease in voltages based on system loads. The work to be done on this unit includes removal and replacement of the oil, condition inspection of all internal components, electrical, and component testing and proper adjustments to moving parts. Also, there will be an upgrade to the control system which includes the replacement of the “Beckwith” controller. This is a new digital controller with expanded capabilities and enhanced functions that will be the same as the controller used on the new transformer.

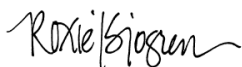
The quote from Sunbelt Solomon includes a quote for the transformer and LTC maintenance and a separate quote for the replacement of the controller on the LTC. Sunbelt Solomon will only be doing the maintenance work on the transformer and LTC. The replacement of the “Beckwith” controller on the LTC will be performed by KMEA Mid-States as part of the system control work that they have done, and it will be covered through funds from Task Order #2, which was approved by City Council on Aug. 15, 2022.

Councilmember Blaine Heble moved to approve the quote from Sunbelt Solomon for the maintenance work on the older substation transformer for \$13,610.00 plus tax. Seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith and passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 7-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk