

LINDSBORG CITY COUNCIL
Lindsborg City Hall
February 17, 2025–6:30 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, Zach Strella, Holly Lofton, Milton Collins, Denny Walker, Terry Reed, Marcus Petty, Noah Flores, Scott Bontz

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 shared that City Administrator Kristi Northcutt and Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege were celebrating birthdays.

The Bethany College Board of Directors will be meeting on Friday, February 21, 2025. Mayor Shultz thanked the college Board and the search committee as well as those from the community who participated in the search/interview process for the next Bethany College President.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2025, regular Council meeting, Payroll Ordinance 5522, Purchase Order Ordinance 5523 and Adams Brown audit invoice. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 8-0 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:

Mower Replacement

The Parks Department has two mowers that are used to mow the parks, trail system, and other City property. One of the tractors can use installed attachments during the winter to move snow.

Due to the dedicated attachments and enclosed cab for winter, no other requests for bids were sent out. The service provided by Morigde Mfg. Inc. and Grasshopper dealers has been positive with no major reliability issues over the years.

With a trade-in value of the old mowers and government contract pricing, a quote was obtained for the following:

- Model: 735BT front-mount tractor with 61-inch mowing deck: \$ 8,616.80
- Model: 335 mid-mount tractor with a 61-inch mowing deck: \$ 6,530.50

Total cost: \$15,147.30

Councilmember Tanner Corwin moved to approve the purchase of two Grasshopper mowers for \$15,147.30 from Moridge Mfg. Inc. Seconded by Councilmember Joshua Swanson and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Kansas Rural Water Association Voting Delegate

The Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) will hold its annual business meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, during its annual conference in Wichita, Kansas. The conference agenda includes many sessions and expert speakers on issues related to water that are pertinent for cities.

Each member city is asked to provide a voting delegate to vote on business matters associated with the association, as well as an alternative delegate if the voting delegate is unable to attend. The KRWA requires notice of delegate selections prior to March 16, 2025, for the delegates to participate in the meeting.

Interim Public Works Director Denny Walker will attend the conference on behalf of the City, and as such, will serve as a voting delegate, pending City Council's approval. Lead Wastewater Operator Cutler Croomes will serve as a voting alternative if Denny is unable to attend.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve Denny Walker as a voting delegate to the Kansas Rural Water Association conference, with Cutler Croomes serving as an alternate. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 8-0 by voice vote.

Renewable Energy Certificates Directive

The City has a purchase power agreement with the Buckeye Wind Farm as part of our energy portfolio. Lindsborg earns RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) for its share of generation from Buckeye. RECs represent the technology and environmental attributes of electricity generated from renewable sources and are usually sold in 1 megawatt-hour (MWh) units. A certificate can be sold separately from the underlying generic electricity with which it is associated. Once the REC is sold separately from the underlying electricity, the electricity is no longer considered renewable. Buckeye Wind RECs are created in the NAR Registry each month and assigned a unique identification number. The two options for RECs are:

- **Sell** (Lindsborg has always selected this option)
 - Relinquishes environmental attributes.
 - If sold, RECs should be marketed in a timely manner.
 - RECs can be sold forward (i.e., sell all calendar year 2025 RECs).
- **Retire**
 - Retain the environmental attribute.
 - Allows the community to make a public claim about being 'green' or to satisfy a renewable energy portfolio goal.
 - Retired RECs can't be sold or claimed later.
 - There are small volumetric fees assessed by the NAR when RECs are issued or retired (\$0.03/REC).

Estimated annual revenue if the city sells all RECs based on a 40.9% capacity factor for Buckeye Wind and a \$2.00/REC net sale price (market price fluctuates with supply and demand) is \$7,166.00. This is based on the

actual observed average capacity factor at Buckeye Wind over the last 36 months & estimated of the market price for RECs for 2025.

Councilmember Andrew Smith moved to approve the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency to sell the vintage 2025 Renewable Energy Credits from the Buckeye Wind Farm for the benefit of the City of Lindsborg. Seconded by Councilmember John Presley and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Chalk the Valk Artist Agreement

City of Lindsborg staff is currently working with Bethany College staff, the Lindsborg Arts Council, Lindsborg businesses, and Salina Arts & Humanities to bring renowned artist David Zinn to Kansas to teach school sessions in Salina and to create artwork in Lindsborg for three days, to include a full day of working with students from across Kansas for a new event in Lindsborg—Chalk the Valk. This event is scheduled to take place on April 12, 2025, in conjunction with the Messiah Festival of the Arts, and will utilize the Valkommen Trail as a canvas for artists of every age. All Kansas public middle and high schools have been invited to participate as well as many private and home schools. Cash prizes will be offered for first place in three categories and Bethany College will award \$25,000 scholarships to qualifying high school students. The cost to participate is \$10 per person. Local businesses have been invited to hire artists and/or to invite visitors and residents to create chalk artwork on the downtown sidewalks.

Contact with this artist and the cost share partnership was negotiated through Salina Arts & Humanities leadership and an MOU is in place for their portion of the contract. An invoice will be sent to Salina Arts & Humanities with the signed contract. The City Attorney has reviewed the contract and his recommendations for amendments were followed for the final contract (a copy was provided to City Council).

Expenditures for this contract, as well as other needed components for the day are primarily covered with the award of a \$6,000 David J. Nutt grant and support from the Lindsborg Arts Council, as well as in-kind services from City of Lindsborg staff, Bethany College staff and students, the Lindsborg Arts Council, and other community volunteers. Depending on registration success, the CVB may have to expend minimal funds from Transient Guest Tax reserves; based on early feedback about the event, this is not anticipated.

Councilmember John Presley moved to approve the contract for David Zinn in the amount of \$8,355 with MOU repayment from Salina Arts & Humanities in the amount of \$3,500. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Notification of Non-Profit Organization Events Promoting the Arts

Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center-Resolution 02-2025

The Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center submitted a “notification of non-profit organization event promoting the arts” application (ABC form 865) to be able to serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at their 2025 event listed below.

Date	Event	Time
03.02.2025	Reception for Community Photo Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
03.22.2025	Vaffeldagen	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
04.06.2025	Reception for Lindsborg Collects Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
05.04.2025	Reception for Michael Knutson Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
06.01.2025	Reception for Community Art Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
07.13.2025	Reception for Gerry/Nelson Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
08.03.2025	Reception for The Slums Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
09.07.2025	Reception for Summer Arts Program Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
10.05.2025	Reception for Swedish Costume Exhibition	2-4 p.m.
11.13.2025	Christmas Crafts and Cocktails	6-8 p.m.

11.20.2025	Christmas Crafts and Cocktails	6-8 p.m.
12.04.2025	Christmas Crafts and Cocktails	6-8 p.m.
12.11.2025	Christmas Crafts and Cocktails	6-8- p.m.
12.18.2025	Christmas Crafts and Cocktails	6-8 p.m.

Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege moved to approve the Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center Notification of Nonprofit Organization Event Promoting the Arts form and pass Resolution No. 02-2025 authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage at their 2025 events as listed. Seconded by Councilmember Kirsten Bruce and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Raymer Society for the Arts-Resolution 03-2025

The Raymer Society for the Arts submitted a “notification of non-profit organization event promoting the arts” application (ABC form 865) to be able to serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages at their 2025 events listed below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
03.28.2025	Reception for Dave Reiter	5-7 p.m.
05.11.2025	Cinco De Mayo Members Event	5-8 p.m.
11.01.2025	Wine & Cheese Fundraiser	5-7 p.m.
12.06.2025	Christmas Artists’ Studio Open House	10 a.m.-5 p.m.

As a nonprofit, the Raymer Society for the Arts can sponsor an event promoting the arts and serve complimentary alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages to members of the public during the event if it is approved by the local governing body by ordinance or resolution and submitted to the Kansas Alcohol Beverage Control at least ten days prior to the event.

Councilmember Joshua Swanson moved to approve the Raymer Society for the Arts’ Notification of Nonprofit Organization Event Promoting the Arts form and pass Resolution No. 03-2025 authorizing the serving of complimentary alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage at their 2025 events as listed. Seconded by Councilmember Rebecca Van Der Wege and passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Other:

Councilmember Heble addressed the Diversion Channel project clarifying with Mayor Shultz and City Council that the next step for staff was to pursue moving forward on the project. Mayor Shultz said they staff was gathering more information and that this topic would be scheduled for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kirsten Bruce moved for adjournment, seconded by Councilmember Andrew Smith, and passed 8-0 by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Roxie Sjogren, MMC
City Clerk