

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

REGULAR MEETING:

Dan Davies – present
Jason Jenkins – present
Mayor Jeanne Dwyer – present
Claire Smith – absent
Dennis Kidwell – present
Gary Thompson – present
Karen Siffring – absent, Wendy Staton sitting in.

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the Regular Meeting at 6:32 and asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. The Mayor requested a 15 minute Executive Session for legal issues after the open forum. There were no other changes to the Agenda.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the August 22nd meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. CITY CLERK'S REPORT
In the absence of City Clerk Siffring, Mayor Dwyer read the City Clerk's report. The General Fund Income for August was \$8,460.75, and expenses for the month were \$28,200.10. The balance as of August 31, 2016 in the General Fund was \$180,333.39. There were no vouchers presented. There were no changes to the City Clerk's report.
4. MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Dwyer advised that she would like Linn Valley to be on the list for consideration for an assisted living care facility for older adults (55+) that will be established within the county. The Prescott Hospital District is funding the project. There will be a focus group held on October 4, 2016 at 12:00p.m. by invitation only. The invitees must be at least 55 years of age. Council member Jason Jenkins voiced a concern that it would be challenging for Linn Valley to provide utilities, especially water, for such a facility.
5. SANITATION REPORT
Mayor Dwyer referred to the email she had received from Diversified Contracting regarding the sanitation report for the month of August. August was without incident. There were two pump failures that were changed out and sent in for rebuild. The new lift station is working properly.
6. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
In addition to his report, Chief Dan Smith advised that October 4, 2016 through October 17, 2016 is Fire Prevention week. He would like to get the community involved in any

way he can. Chief Smith presented Mayor Dwyer with a Fire Prevention magazine that had supplies and handouts available for sale. Chief Smith estimated approximately \$135.00 would be needed to make a minimum order for the Fire Prevention Supplies. Mayor Dwyer asked the council members if anyone disagreed with the amount of \$135.00 to be used for Fire Prevention Week supplies. Everyone was in agreement. Chief Smith advised his newly provided radio was working properly.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Murrison summarized his activity for the month. He had four arrests for Driving While Suspended, two Driving Under the Influence and four Narcotics arrests. He also advised there was a 14 year old girl riding an ATV. She had an accident while crossing the bridge and broke her leg. While Chief Murrison was advising the group that ATV tires specifically say “Not for Highway Use”, several members of the audience spoke up in agreement. Louis Donaldson and Bob & Pam Smith advised they have witnessed numerous occasions of children riding ATV’s, golf carts and 4-wheelers. They said something needs to be done about it. These young kids are endangering themselves and others. Council member and city attorney, Gary Thompson, advised that it hasn’t always been that way. The laws used to be stricter, but the POA wanted a more lax policy because families come to Linn Valley for recreation and fun. Dan Davies made a motion to have the POA review its current policy on ATVs/4-wheelers. Dennis Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mayor Dwyer asked Chief Murrison to draft a letter and send to the POA board. She also advised that the League of Municipalities has an ordinance regarding ATV’s that he could use for guidance. The motion passed 2 to 1 with Jason Jenkins opposing it.

8. BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Inspector Isabell was absent. Mayor Dwyer read the Inspector’s report.

9. CODES ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Codes enforcement officer Ralph Fitch read his report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. OPEN FORUM

a. The Council was asked about the status of the five year plan and how the community could participate. The answer was that the Council has discussed and survey and there would be an opportunity for community input when the Council worked on it at the 2nd meetings of the month.

b. Annette Hawkins asked about the City maintaining the streets inside the gate. She advised the council that she currently lives in Johnson County, KS but is considering moving to Linn Valley, KS. City attorney, Gary Thompson, replied that the money received into the street and highway fund could not be used on privately owned streets.

Ms. Hawkins also asked about terms for City Council members and was informed by Attorney Thompson that elections are every two years and Council members serve for four years.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Kidwell moved to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for legal issues. Jason Jenkins seconded the motion and motion passed 3-0. Mayor Dwyer reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and announced no action was taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Dennis Kidwell moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Jenkins seconded the motion. Three voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Wendy Staton
Municipal Judge