

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the Regular Meeting at 6:30.

Present were Council Members Dan Davies, Jason Jenkins, Claire Smith and Dennis Kidwell. Also present were City Clerk Karen Siffring, Police Chief Corey Murrison and Fire Chief Dan Smith.

John Rives was sworn in as Linn Valley Fire Fighter.

2. Mayor Dwyer requested the appointment for Louis Donelson to fill the City Council vacancy. Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the appointment of Louis Donelson. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0 in favor. Mr. Donelson was sworn in by Clerk Siffring and he took his seat with the Council.

Mayor Dwyer asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Due to the absence of City Attorney Thompson, Mayor Dwyer recommended removing the discussion of the Open Meetings Act and the ATV Ordinance Review. There were no other changes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the September 12th meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. VOUCHERS

- a. City Clerk Siffring presented General Fund vouchers 10737 & 10756 - 10808, Street and Highway Fund vouchers 1393 - 1395, Sewer Construction Fund voucher 1120 and Sewer Utilities Fund vouchers 1037 - 1045 in the total amount of \$49,956.85. Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the vouchers. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion carried 5-0.

5. KANSAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT

- a. This item was removed from the agenda

6. POSSIBLE MEETING WITH THE POA BOARD

- a. Council Member Kidwell reminded the Council that a joint meeting would be subject to the Open Meetings Act. Council Member Jenkins made a motion to hold a joint meeting with the Linn Valley Lakes Property Owners Association Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell. The motion carried 5-0. A meeting was set for 10:30am, October 15th.

7. FOCUS GROUP

- a. Mayor Dwyer explained a future Focus Group to be held in Linn Valley. The purpose would be to assess needs of seniors in Linn Valley. Other cities in Linn County would also be holding focus groups. Participation in the Linn Valley focus group will be made up of volunteers from

the City and participants must be between 55 – 70 years of age. Several members of the audience requested to be in the focus group.

8. FIVE YEAR PLAN – POLICE DEPARTMENT

- a. Mayor Dwyer asked Chief Murrison to explain his needs and vision for the future of the Linn Valley Police Department. He expressed a need for additional staffing by several part time officers over the next one to three years.
- b. Chief Murrison requested a Gun Range be built for the purpose of police to fulfill training requirements. He also suggested that it be open to the public at select times. Location has not been selected.
- c. Purchasing a new police vehicle should be considered in 2018.
- d. Chief Murrison suggested building a facility that would house the Police Department, City Hall and serve as a tornado shelter. Construction could begin in 2018 or 2019. He requested that funds to build the structure would not come from taxes. As a tornado shelter, the City could apply for grants from FEMA. Council Member Jenkins recommended employing a grant-writer to write the grant and research other available grant money. Council Member Davies made a motion to seek a grant-writer for the purpose of funding a building for police department and storm shelter. The motion was seconded by Council member Kidwell. The motion passed 5-0.
- e. Chief Murrison addressed patrolling the POA lake. When Officers are called to duty for water patrol, services may or may not be needed. Chief Murrison suggested the officer's pay be offset by payment to the City to cover costs of patrolling the privately held lake. There was discussion by the Council.

9. ATV ORDINANCE REVIEW

- a. This item was removed from the agenda.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. There was no unfinished business

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was no new business.

12. OPEN FORUM

- a. Fire Chief Smith reported that the Linn Valley Fire Department responded to an automobile accident on highway 69 as was first respond although they were not called to service. Appreciation was expressed by the Drexel fire department.
- b. The Council heard comments from the audience.
- c. Mayor Dwyer announced a Health Fair to be held October 21 at the Linn Valley Lakes clubhouse and invited everyone to attend.

13. ADJOURN

- a. Council Member Davies made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk