

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
JANUARY 23, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the Regular Meeting at 6:30. Present were Council Members Claire Smith, Dennis Kidwell, Dan Davies, and Lew Donelson. Jason Jenkins was present by phone. Also present were City Attorney Gary Thompson, City Clerk Karen Siffring, and Sanitation Operator Mike Page.

The Council had no changes or additions to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the January 9th and January 21st meetings. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. CHECK SIGNER LIMIT

- a. Council Member Donelson noted that at the present time, the City Clerk could sign checks for an amount below \$1000 without a second signature. Council Member Donelson made a motion to allow the City Clerk to sign checks up to \$2500 without a second signature. Council Member Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

4. WATER PROJECT

- a. Mayor Dwyer informed the Council that a contract is still pending with BG Consultants for the PER. The Mayor has requested the POA provide information and documents relating to the current water system prior to the meeting. This information will be passed on to the engineers for the water study. BG Consultants will be submitting a proposed contract to be reviewed at the first meeting in February.

5. SEWER PROJECT

- a. Mayor Dwyer gave an update to the status of the sewer project. The City is in the process of rapping up the contract with Trinity Excavating and Construction. Money will be held back to hire another contractor to complete any unfinished work.

6. UPDATE ON LAGOONS, LIFT STATION & GRINDER PUMPS

- a. Sanitation Operator Page reported that the brush around the lagoon fence is being cleaned up. The pumps at the lift station located near the POA office and replaced in 2016 are being manually run on a regular basis. Operator Page recommended that money be set aside for new motors for the other lift station.
- b. The lagoons sediment will need to be removed within the next ten years at a cost of \$80,000 to \$120,000. It was recommended that the City set aside money for this future project.
- c. Operator Page explained the need for an emergency plan detailing actions when responding to different emergency events. Although, in a localized emergency, generators are available from various locations. During an area wide emergency generators would likely be

forwarded to higher priority areas. Mr. Page recommended that the City purchase a generator. Council Member Donelson requested that Mr. Page investigate getting a generator. It was also suggested that someone from the City attend the Linn County Local Emergency Planning meeting being held this week.

7. OPEN FORUM

- a. With Hold & Haul waste being dumped at the lift station, it was requested that information be provided to the public identifying items that should not be put into their holding tanks. The City will create a flyer for that purpose.

8. The Mayor reminded the Council that having two meetings a month had been on a trial basis. The Council was asked for their recommendations going forward. The consensus was to revisit the question in March with possibly going to one meeting a month during the summer.

9. ADJOURN

- a. Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring
City Clerk