

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Mayor requested a ten minute executive session for personnel. Council Member Donelson requested a five minute executive session for personnel. There were no additional changes or additions to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the February 13th meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. HEALTH INSURANCE

- a. Clerk Siffring presented information on health insurance policies for three City employees. Two optional policies were provided as a comparison to the current policy. After explanation from the Clerk and review by the Council, Council Member Donelson made a motion to maintain the same plan and review optional plans at the next renewal period. Council Member Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

4. WATER PROJECT

- a. Mayor Dwyer introduced Brian Kingsley from the engineering firm BG Consultants. Mr. Kingsley explained the various factors in doing a preliminary report including RW#1, POA water and other potential sources. Mr. Kingsley will be at the March 13th meeting for an update.

5. GRANT WRITER

- a. Mayor Dwyer informed the Council that a grant writer met with Council Member Jenkins and Police Chief Corey Murrison. The major topic was acquiring funds for a Police Station/City Hall building. Council Member Jenkins explained the benefits of a grant writer of increasing the probability of getting grants. Council Member Davies made a motion to hire the grant writer from Pelofsky & Associates, Inc. for a maximum of \$4500 to investigate options. Council Member Kidwell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

6. COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

- a. After discussion of allowed uses for the infrastructure grant provided by the county, it was decided to bank the money to use at a future time.

7. EMERGENCY PLAN

- a. Council Member Donelson reported attending the emergency management meeting sponsored by Linn County. A second meeting will be held in April and Council Members were invited to attend. Council Member Donelson emphasized the need for a Linn Valley

Emergency plan. Mayor Dwyer appointed Council Member Donelson to head a committee to work on the Linn Valley Emergency Plan.

8. GENERATOR

- a. The Mayor announced that she had spoken with Sanitation Director Mike Page. Mr. Page provided information on generators that were for sale and auction. Mr. Page was contacted by phone and spoke with the Council on condition of each generator. The Council decided to identify funding through grant sewer project funds or county grant funds.

9. CITY FLAG

- a. Council Member Kidwell noted that he has been in other council chambers and each had city flags. He suggested that the City purchase a flag to place in City Hall. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to authorize spending \$300 to purchase the flag and stand. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins. The motion passed 5-0.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to hold a 15 minute executive session for personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell. The vote for the motion was unanimous. The Council adjourned and returned at 8:19 with no action taken.

Council Member Kidwell made a motion to authorize up to \$900 to reimburse fire fighters for training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Donelson and carried 5-0. Council Member Smith made a motion to give Police Chief Murrison a raise of 6% beginning the next pay period in March. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins. The motion carried 5-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There was no new business.

11. OPEN FORUM

- a. Council Member Donelson thanked the Community Pride organization for a nice meal after the annual POA meeting.

12. ADJOURN

- a. Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring
City Clerk