

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
APRIL 24, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Present were Council Members Claire Smith, Dennis Kidwell, Dan Davies, Lew Donelson and Jason Jenkins. A quorum was present. Also present were City Attorney Gary Thompson and City Clerk Karen Siffring.

REVIEW THE AGENDA

Council Member Kidwell requested a fifteen minute executive session for personnel. Council Member requested an opportunity to speak on the planning of the police station/city hall. There were no other changes or additions.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the April 10th meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. CELL TOWER

- a. Attorney Thompson reported on communication received offering alternate payment on cell tower rent. He had concluded that there was no difference from the previous offer which the Council had previously rejected. The company had refused to negotiate other options. Council Member Davies recommended that the subject be revisited.

4. WATER PROJECT

- a. Mayor Dwyer introduced Brian Kingsley from the engineering firm BG Consultants and asked that he give an update on the water project. Attorney Thompson and Mr. Kingsley told the Council that they were working on an inter-local agreement with RWD #1, RWD #13 and LaCygne to allow cooperation as the water project proposal is reviewed.
- b. The City is applying for a grant that would help pay for the PER that is in process. If received, the grant would provide up to \$12,000 toward payment to the engineers.

5. SEWER RESTORATION PROJECT

- a. Mayor Dwyer presented a proposal from Page Enterprise to repair roads that were affected by the sewer installation. Council Member Donelson made a motion to approve \$43,100 for the roads to wrap up and complete the sewer project. Council Member Kidwell seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

6. UPDATE ON POLICE STATION/CITY HALL

- a. Council Member Donelson provided an estimated construction cost for a police station/city hall/FEMA F3 tornado shelter at \$689,000 and \$750,000. He asked the Council to consider putting money toward the building rather than depending on 100% grant money. The grant writer hired by the City needs a location, City's financial contribution, and actual construction cost.

- b. Council Member Davies suggested that a Special Meeting be held to study the building and also the water project. A meeting was set for April 26 at 1:00 pm at City Hall.

7. OPEN FORUM

- a. Police Chief Corey Murrison reported that Dustin Stuteville is attending police training for two weeks and requested that the City pay him \$12.00/hr. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to pay Stuteville \$12 per hour while he was in training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies and was carried 5-0. Chief Murrison also reported recent arrests for possession of marijuana & drugs, counterfeit \$100 bills, open containers, theft and outstanding warrants.

Council Member Kidwell made a motion for a 15 minute executive session for personnel. A second to the motion was made by Council Member Smith. The motion carried 5-0. The Council recessed at 6:55 pm. Three council members returned at 7:10 pm with no action taken. At 7:10 Council Member Kidwell made a motion to return to a 10 minute executive session for personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and was carried 3-0. The Council recessed at 7:10 pm and returned at 7:20 pm with no action taken.

Council Member Davies made a motion to hire Todd Stone as a police officer for a probationary period at \$12/hr. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell and passed 4-1.

8. ADJOURN

- a. Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring
City Clerk