

SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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

1. REVIEW THE AGENDA

Mayor Smith presented the agenda noting that, as this is a special meeting, no changes can be made.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Donelson and passed 5-0.

3. MAYOR'S CONFERENCE

Mayor Smith told the Council that she is planning to attend the Mayor's Conference in Topeka on April 20 and 21. Council members were encouraged to attend other meetings and training.

4. KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM RESOLUTION

A resolution from Kansas Pride Program was presented to the Council, formally backing the Linn Valley Community Pride group. Council Member Pennington made a motion to approve Resolution #80 with Council Member Kidwell seconding. The motion carried 5-0.

5. CHARTER ORDINANCE – CITY OFFICERS

Attorney Thompson informed the Council that current Kansas law requires city officers, with some exceptions, to live in the town they serve. To exempt the City from this law, a Charter Ordinance has been written. Attorney Thompson presented Charter Ordinance #11 allowing city officers to live within 10 miles of Linn Valley. Exceptions include City Attorney, Judge, law enforcement officers and fire chief who must live in Linn county or adjacent counties. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to accept Charter Ordinance #11. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Filling the position of fire chief will be discussed at the March meeting.

6. ORDINANCE FOR BURNED HOUSES

Attorney Thompson has written a draft ordinance which would allow the city to put a lean on proceeds from the insurance agency made in payment of damage or loss to a building in the city. This would provide funds for clean-up that the property if owner does not do. There will be further discussion on this ordinance at the March meeting.

7. HEALTH INSURANCE

Clerk Siffring presented bids on health insurance policies for the period of 2018-2019. After discussion of plans, and considering budget, Council Member Davies made a motion to approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield Choice 1 x039. Council Member Jenkins seconded the motion with the motion passing 5-0. Council Member Jenkins suggested looking into HSA plans for next year.

8. KOMA WORKSHOP

KOMA stands for Kansas Open Meetings Act. Attorney Thompson provided details on requirements and limitations of council meetings for Kansas municipalities. A meeting is defined as when a majority of council members are together discussing city business. The public must be notified of all meetings and meetings must be accessible to the public. Meetings are open to the public but are designated for the Council's discussion and decision making. Executive sessions are for gathering information and allowed only for specific purposes: legal advice, personnel in consideration of the privacy of the employee, trade secrets of another entity, acquisition of real estate, and security issues. No decisions can be made in executive sessions. All decisions must be made in public.

9. ADJOURN

Council Member Davies made a motion to adjourn. The motion was followed by a second from Council Member Jenkins. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by  
Karen Siffring  
City Clerk