

BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
AUGUST 12, 2019
6:00 pm

2020 BUDGET HEARING

The 2020 Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Cindy Smith.

The Mayor presented the budget to the audience and opened the floor for comments. There were no comments. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Smith closed the hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Smith called the regular Council Meeting to order.

Present at the meeting were Council Members Dan Davies, Jason Jenkins, Lew Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, and Dennis Kidwell. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Kidwell made a motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach and passed 5-0.

TERRY KEFFER PLAQUE

Mayor Smith presented a plaque honoring Terry Keffer. Mr. Keffer was a long time resident of Linn Valley who proposed and developed the Mayor's Christmas Tree Ceremony and benevolent fun when Linn Valley became a city in 1999. In 2018 Mr. Keffer's wife, Ann Keffer, donated a Christmas tree to the City. Ann served on the first council when Linn Valley became a City.

SURPLUS JEEP BIDS

Mayor Smith opened the two bids submitted for the Jeep Cherokee. The first was for \$100 and the second for \$700. Council Member Jenkins made a motion to accept the \$700 bid. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kidwell and passed 5-0.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to hold a 20 minute executive session for legal. The motion was seconded and approved 5-0. The Council retired to the session at 6:07. The Council returned at 6:27. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes for legal. The motion, seconded by Council Member Kidwell, passed 3-0. The Council returned to the executive session at 6:27 and returned at 6:37 with no action taken.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to hold an executive session for personnel for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach and passed 5-0. The Council retired to the session at 6:38 and returned at 6:53 with no action taken.

SEWER REPORT

Sewer Operator Mike Page presented his report. Checked lift stations, locates as requested, wired a test station for lagoons, diagnosed and fixed a grinder pump and noted that Pace Analytical took samples of effluent from the lagoons.

Page requested the Council make a policy on allowing residences outside the current sewer district to connect. A discussion of the lagoons followed.

LAGOONS

It was explained that the lagoons were initially set up to support 300 people. There is a concern about the lagoons ability to support a population of over 900. Building Codes Enforcement Officer Dan Donham informed the Council that sludge test level results are pending on cell 1 and cell 2. Analytical results for influent and effluent are in but have not been evaluated. A study of the lagoons and area by a licensed Kansas Engineer was recommended. A representative of the State will be looking at and evaluating the lagoons. Page will write up a report after he meets with the Kansas Rural Water Association.

Council Member Suppenbach was concerned with the affect of the Hold & Hall dumping directly into the lagoons is increasing the sludge. He suggested installation of a gate to restrict access and require all dumping be done at the lift stations. It was also suggested that there be a limitation put on new tank installations.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison presented the police report: one report of theft, six arrests for driving while suspended or under the influence and one for domestic battery. A lease purchase payment for police vehicles was in the 2020 budget the Council approved earlier in the Hearing. Chief Murrison had spoken with Kansas Highway Patrol in search of two vehicles. He proposed purchasing two vehicles, a Dodge Charger and a Ford Interceptor with a total cost of \$45,350. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to proceed with the lease purchase of the vehicles. Council Member Davies seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Chief Murrison also presented the report for Fire and First Responders. There were two fire related calls and seven medical calls.

BUILDING AND CODES REPORT

Building & Codes Officer Dan Donham continues to work with owners of RV's needing maintenance or are abandoned. Ten owners have agreed to participate in the project, five of the RV's have been removed and one is scheduled for removal. Three owners have been notified that their grass needs to be mowed, one was notified of an unoperable or unlicensed car and four owners were notified that their RV's cannot be parked on a building lot.

There were 26 new permits in July with a total of 249 for the year.

Officer Donham informed the Council that the POA gave permission for building lot owner to keep a camper on their lot longer the set maximum time allowed. The City does not have this information. Without knowing of extensions, the Officer cannot correctly enforce regulations. The Mayor will plan a meeting with the POA, Officer Donham, Council Member Donelson and herself.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The financial report for July 2019 is as follows:

General Fund income for the month was \$11,128.32 and expenses were \$31,707.39.

Following are balances of the City's accounts:

General Fund \$189,476.85
 Special Funds:
 - Restricted Mayor’s Christmas Fund* \$270.57
 - Restricted Tree Maintenance Fund* \$2,025.00
 - Restricted Parks & Recreation Fund* \$1,400.59
 - Restricted Capitol Improvement* \$34,075.32
 - Restricted Special Equipment* \$25,385.07

*Restricted funds are included in General Fund/Money Market total.

Money Market \$124,853.72
 Total \$314,330.57

Street and Highway Fund \$98,982.21
 Sewer Construction Fund \$0
 Utilities Fund \$159,674.39
 Infrastructure Fund balance is \$64,456.25

General Fund vouchers: 12677 – 12742: \$49,441.40
 Street and Highway Fund vouchers: 1472 - 1472: \$951.47
 Sewer Utilities Fund vouchers: 1376 – 1384: \$14,082.03
 Total: \$64,474.90

A motion was made by Council Member Donelson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$64,474.90. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies and carried 5-0.

Clerk Siffring informed the Council that the County will be sending a check to be used for Parks and Recreation.

The Sewer Construction account at Landmark Bank has a zero balance. The clerk requested that the account be closed. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to close the sewer account at Landmark Bank. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and passed 5-0.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Mayor reported that Shelly Underwood of MAP formally submitted the grant application for the 45% forgiveness. A response is expected sooner rather than later.

Council Member Suppenbach will be setting up email accounts for all Council Members and adding cloud storage. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to allow up to \$300 for this expense. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins. The Mayor’ focus will be working with the POA on reporting code violations, the Water Project, working with Officer Donham on codes, and establishing a lagoon project.

STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Ordinance 205 adopting the 2019 Standard Traffic Ordinance was presented. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to approve Ordinance #205. The motion was seconded by Council Member Donelson and carried 5-0.

UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENCE COD ORDINANCE

Ordinance #206 adopting the 2019 Uniform Public Offense Code was presented. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to adopt Ordinance #206. Council Member Suppenbach seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

CHARTER ORDINANCE

Council Member Donelson made a motion to adopt Charter Ordinance #12 to allow employees to live outside of the City. Council Member Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

James Van Kirk had questions regarding contracts with the City. As a legal issue, the Council referred him to the City Attorney.

Bill Harris requested a letter from the City stating that his property is zoned as residential, not commercial. As an issue with KCP&L, the Mayor recommended he contact the Kansas Corporation Commission with a complaint against KCP&L for inaccurate rates.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Davies and was seconded by Council Member Jenkins. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by
City Clerk Siffring