

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
May 11, 2020
6:00 pm

The Council met via Zoom video conferencing.

Mayor Cindy Smith called the meeting to order.

Present at the meeting were Council Members Lew Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, Jason Jenkins and Brenda Muncy. Dan Davies was absent. A quorum was present. City Attorney James Brun was present.

AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the April 13, 2020 meeting were presented. Council Member Muncy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilman Jenkins seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

SEWER REPORT

The March and April Report included locates as requested, electrical trouble on lift station #1, fix sewer pump by electrician, fix lagoon pump by an electrician, a Sunday call in to work on broken pipe, sent five pumps for repair and repaired broken pressure fitting on pit. The power outage on the 4th of May caused excess pressure in the line which could lead to damage. When power goes out and comes on all the pumps go on, line pressure builds up in the line, blowing out a couple of valves. Dan will contact our on-call engineer.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Planning and Development Dan Donham requested informed the Council of K & K Environmental's Study for a Cultural Research Survey (archeologist) has been completed. Their conclusion is there is no adverse direct effect on the site for construction of water supply line and the storage tank area. The final step in applying for funding for the water project is a water purchase agreement with LaCygne. The agreement now with the LaCygne attorney. We are close to completion. The Mayor will follow up.

EK Land Management LLC submitted a bid for weed control spraying and land clearing in the amount of \$1050 with the City purchasing chemicals for \$272. The total is \$1322. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to hire EK Land Management for no more than \$1,400 to do weed control and spraying around the lagoons. The motion was seconded by Council Member Muncy and passed 4-0. It was confirmed that the area with noxious weeds will be sprayed also.

BG Consultants completed their evaluation of the lagoons and wastewater systems. BG provided four proposals. Number one is a short-term fix and the City probably could not get funding for it. Number 4 would be too expensive. Donham recommended choosing Number 2 or Number 3. Director Donham requested holding a special meeting with the Council, BG Consultants and Mike Page. Donham will set a date and BG will host the meeting.

Jackie Messer of the Linn County Public Works Department has scheduled road repair on 2400 Road. Work will begin within the next two months.

Donham requested Council approval of \$7,191.50 for BG Consultants engineering for work on sewer and lagoon through the month of April. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to approve the payment of \$7,191.50. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and approved 4-0.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Thirty Code Violation letters were sent out in April for accumulation of garbage, unregistered vehicles, dilapidated buildings, un-mowed property, abandoned RV's and maintenance issues. The Condemnation Hearing is June 8th. Fifty permits were issued in April with sixty-nine year-to-date.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison asked for vacation from June 5 through June 15. Murrison reported the battery for the siren near Paddleboat stopped during the storm. It will need to be looked at to locate the problem.

Murrison reported one arrest warrant issued, one arrest, two reports of theft, an attempted suicide, and a death investigation. The First Responders reported twelve medical calls, activated storm watch, and a fire caused by tree falling on power lines.

Officer Brett Jenkins has been in training for the past month and doing very well. He is expected to work on his own by June.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

General Fund income for April was \$3,201.93 and expenses were \$40,097.01. Vouchers were presented by City Clerk Karen Siffring in the amount of \$160,022.33. The Clerk noted that \$108,995 was paid to USDA for the annual debt payment. Council Member Donelson made a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$160,022.33. The motion was seconded by Council Member Muncy. The motion passed 4-0. The wide format printer arrived, and the audit is complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor noted the increased workload on employees resulting from the storm and electrical outage and thanked them for their work.

Plans for opening the City burn pit will be delayed due to rains and the area being muddy. It is hoped that the Community Cleanup will be in autumn.

The Mayor and Council Member Donelson will discuss the POA's responsibilities of the Architectural Control Committee.

Municipal Court Clerk Carol Powers will retire in October. The City is hoping to fill this position with municipal clerk responsibilities plus sewer billing and back up for the City Clerk. Estimate is 10 – 12 hours per week. A final job description will be sent to the Council. City Hall will be closed Friday morning.

A 2021 Budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OPEN FORUM

The Mayor will work with Planning and Zoning Commission to set up a meeting as the previously scheduled meeting was canceled.

A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 am.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Suppenbach and was seconded by Councilman Jenkins. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Submitted by
City Clerk Siffring