

CONDEMNATION HEARING
AND
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
June 8, 2020
6:00 pm

Mayor Cindy Smith called the Condemnation Hearing to order. Present at the meeting were Council Members Lew Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, Jason Jenkins, Dan Davies and Brenda Muncy. A quorum was present. City Attorney James Brun was present.

The Condemnation Hearing was open for public comment. There were no comments from the public. Director of Planning and Development, Dan Donham reported one RV has been removed. Owners of three properties are deceased and Attorney Brun will be research for probate status on these. The final three are condemned and will be removed by the City.

Mayor Smith closed the hearing at 6:07 pm.

Mayor Smith opened the regular Council Meeting.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for a fifteen-minute executive session for legal. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0. The Council retired to the session at 6:08 pm and returned at 6:23 pm with no action taken.

AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting were presented. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Councilman Donelson seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

SEWER REPORT

The May report included locates as requested, they were called out on a Sunday to repair broken pipe, sewer repair after storm due to electrical outage, trouble on lagoon pump which was serviced by an electrician, fixed sewer pump by electrician, fixed lagoon pump by an electrician, repairs on two grinder pump parts.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Planning and Development Dan Donham reported having held a City Council workshop meeting with BG Consultants Paul Owens and Shelly Underwood (Midwest Assistance Program) about the wastewater system. Two Council Members were present. Director Donham recommended the Council select Alternative #3. Council Member Jenkins requested time to view the presentation from Mr. Owen prior to discussing the Alternatives.

Around June 15th EK Land Management LLC will begin spraying herbicide around the lagoons, the ditch and fence lines.

Donham recommended constructing a canopy over the front door of City Hall to reduce snow and ice build-up and as protection from rain when entering the building. He also plans to install a slot in the front door for depositing paperwork and bill payments. He will get bids on both items.

Jackie Messer of the Linn County Public Works Department has scheduled road repair on 2400 Road and work will begin in late July or early August.

Mayor Smith and Attorney Brun are working with LaCygne for a water purchase agreement. An agreement must be signed prior to moving forward on getting a grant from USDA.

The insurance adjuster determined there was hail damage to City Hall buildings. The largest portion of the damage was to the roof of the City Hall annex. Donham was asked to move ahead on getting bids.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Director Donham reported 14 code violations in May, 500 phone calls, 150 text messages and 250 emails. Codes Officer Don Hastings had 50 phone calls and 50 violations letters were sent through certified mail. Fifty-eight permits were issued in May and a total of 123 for the year.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT

The department reported a vehicle fire, storm spotting, a moped accident, golf cart accident, five medical calls and training. Officer Jenkins has been enrolled in the Police Academy and is waiting on the date to start. Council Member Jenkins reported Linn Valley having the third largest number of calls in the county. He suggested hiring a medical director who could work with the Public Safety Director in training emergency responders.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for a five-minute executive meeting for legal. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0. The Council retired to the meeting at 6:51 pm and returned at 6:56 pm with no action taken.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk reported 153 phone calls between May 14 and May 29, thirty-nine contractors licensed in May with a total of 89 for the year, 37 building permits paid and picked up, seven dog licenses issued and an ordinance written to establish a sewer reserve fund.

The Ordinance was presented to the Council. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to approve Ordinance #212. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies and passed 5-0.

General Fund income for May was \$6,572.81 and expenses were \$42,004.40 Vouchers were presented by City Clerk Karen Siffring in the amount of \$57,843.93. Council Member Davies made a motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$160,022.33. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach. The motion passed 5-0.

REVENUE COMMITTEE

The Revenue Committee did not meet during the COVID-19 restrictions. Plans are to regather.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith reported discussions with Eric Victor of the Planning and Zoning Commission reschedule the meeting that was postponed due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Council Member Suppenbach introduced Police Officer Brett Jenkins.

Council Member Jenkins explained to the Council that the County has received \$130,000 in Economic Development funds. The Mayor will follow up.

Municipal Court Clerk Carol Powers will retire in September. Mayor Smith will write an ad announcing the open position for a replacement.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Davies. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Submitted by
City Clerk Siffring