

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 10, 2022  
7:00 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Calling in by telephone, Mayor Cindy Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting were Council Members Lewis Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, John Weers, and Brenda Muncy.

Michael Hemphill was sworn in as council member by City Clerk Karen Siffring.

Mayor Smith requested a vote to elect the Council president. Councilmember Weers made a motion to elect Councilmember Donelson as council president. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to elect Councilmember Suppenbach as council president. Councilmember Suppenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember Donelson and Councilmember Weers voting no.

AGENDA

An executive session was added to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting were presented. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed 4-0.

SEWER REPORT

Chad Page of Page Enterprise, City Utility Operator reported the force main was found to have no obstructions but the is still not working. He recommended having the supplier check the pumps a second time. Page did not know the status of meter orders.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Director of Planning and Development Dan Donham was absent. His submitted report included status that the final geotechnical field report is expected within two weeks.

There has been no response to the Intent to Purchase agreement. The agreement offer expires January 10, 2022.

The city is waiting on a finalized contract for a new office building lease.

The Land Acquisition Committee is working on a purchase agreement for other another parcel of land to be used for the water project.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Codes Officer Donald Hastings reported forty new building permits in December and a total of 601 building permits issued in 2021.

#### NUISANCE CODES REPORT / MAINTENANCE REPORT

Officer Don Hastings is working with Evergy to have lighting installed around city hall and the parking area.

K Quality Electrical is working on a bid for lagoon aerators. The supply of aerators is limited at this time.

Officer Hastings reported 116 nuisance letters sent in December. He is working with property owners to encourage compliance to city code.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported progress on construction of the new police station.

The police department issued three citations, had five arrests for driving while suspended and two arrests for drug possession.

The fire department responded to six medical-related calls in Linn Valley and one in Miami County.

#### COURT CLERK/SEWER BILLING CLERK

Clerk Lisa Coke reported an increase in citations from 204 in 2020 to 424 in 2021. Numerous backlogged cases need to be resolved.

Clerk Coke is working with sewer billing customers who are behind on payments and with several delinquent customers now making payments.

#### CITY CLERK REPORT

Clerk Siffring reported \$30,034.30 income in December and \$38,737.76 in expenses. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to approve vouchers of \$115,029.90. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers. The motion carried 5-0.

#### PAY RAISES

The Mayor had recommended pay raises for Public Safety Director Corey Murrison and Court Clerk/Sewer Billing Clerk Lisa Coke. Councilmember Weers made a motion to increase pay of Director Murrison to \$68,577.38 and increase pay for Court Clerk Coke to \$14.00 per hour, with both receiving the 3.5% cost of living increase beginning with January 15 paychecks. Councilmember Donelson seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Donelson made a motion for an executive session for legal for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0. The council adjourned to the session at 7:54 pm. At 8:10 pm Councilmembers Suppenbach, Hemphill and Weers returned. Weers made a motion to extend the executive legal session for an additional five minutes. Hemphill seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0. The council members returned to the executive session. The council returned at 8:15 pm with no action taken.

#### ACQUISITION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Suppenbach reported reaching a tentative agreement for purchase of land to be used as part of the Water Project for \$63,000 plus half of the cost of removing the existing building on the property. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to allow the Acquisition Committee to look for property for the booster pump. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and passed 5-0.

OPEN FORUM

Keith Beatty of Linn Valley introduced himself as new to the community. He also offered assistance on acquiring a phone system and providing IT advice.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hemphill and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Submitted by:

Karen Siffring, City Clerk