

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
7:00 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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, Michael Hemphill, and Brenda Muncy.

AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

OPEN BIDS FOR TRAILER

City Clerk Karen Siffring opened bids for the sale of a trailer owned by the city. Bids were \$577.77, \$503.00, and \$765.00. Councilmember Weers made a motion to accept the bid for \$765.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Muncy and the motion carried 5-0.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the January 10, 2022, meeting were presented. Councilmember Suppenbach made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and the motion carried 5-0. Minutes from the January 24, 2022, meeting were presented. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Suppenbach and the motion carried 5-0. Councilmember Suppenbach made a motion to accept the February 1, 2022 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and the motion carried 3-0.

WATER PROJECT

Paul Owings, engineer with BG Consultants, gave an update to the Water Project. The engineering design for the tower and lines is near completion. Next steps will be acquiring permits from KDHE and additional administrative tasks required by USDA. It is estimated that construction bids may be submitted late summer and the pad for the tower may be completed in the fall. Tower completion is projected for July 2023. Distribution lines will be installed in three phases. Land contract for water tower has been signed.

SEWER REPORT

Planning and Development Director Daniel Donham reported there has been no clogging issues at the lift station after rerouting lines for the low-pressure sewer system through the lift station.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Locations of the fifteen booster pumps installations for water lines were identified by the project engineers. Surveys for distribution lines will begin late this month. Existing utility lines will need to be marked.

The geotechnical report for the wastewater lagoon project has been completed. Mike Billings of KDHE has had no word from the state on funding status. Land purchase is pending.

Delivery of the office building will be March 21.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Codes Officer Donald Hastings reported fourteen new building permits in January with three new residences.

MAINTENANCE REPORT/ NUISANCE CODES REPORT

Officer Don Hastings is working with an electrician to do connections for the new office building. Dig-Safe has marked utilities in the building area. Codes Officer Hastings had discussions with Chad Page about connecting the new building to the current septic tank.

Codes Officer Hastings and the electrician discussed power for aerators in the sewage lagoons. There should be enough power from the transfer pump to power the lagoon aerators.

Codes Officer Hastings sent six letters in January with six confirmations of receipt of certified letters. He is also contacting residents with property on the condemnation list.

CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION

A resolution to set a hearing to condemn six properties was presented to the council. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adopt Resolution #108. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Suppenbach. The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported three arrests for driving while suspended. The fire department responded to one fire in Linn Valley and one in Miami County. There is progress on construction of the new police station.

The recently purchased side-by-side is outfitted and is now in service.

Director Murrison recommended the council consider purchasing another pumper truck. He is looking at applying for grants for the purchase. He would like to purchase an Ultra High Pressure Fire Suppression System to add to the city's brush truck.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Clerk Siffring reported \$353,461.49 income in January and \$72,020.88 in expenses. \$300,737.52 of the income was Ad Valorem Tax. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to approve vouchers of \$200,760.46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Suppenbach. The motion carried 5-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The council reviewed three options for health insurance for city employees. The 2022 health insurance budget is \$75,000. Councilmember Weers made a motion to keep Choice 1 insurance policy. Councilmember Hemphill seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Cost of Choice one is estimated at \$65,500 annually for six employees.

SEWER DISTRICT

An ordinance to extend Sewer District #1 was presented to the council. Councilmember Suppenbach made a motion to adopt Ordinance #237. Councilmember Hemphill seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Bill Wilson spoke on his concern of single wide trailers on building lot. The structure sited is a prefab building. The council will consider defining prefab buildings.

Bill Woods spoke on his concern of what is allowed on building lots.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith reported all 2021 employee reviews have been completed.

Allowing RVs on building lots while a residence is being constructed will no longer be permitted.

Property owners with building permits currently working with this situation will be allowed to have RVs on the lots until the building permit expires.

Director Donham requested a public announcement asking property owners to not pull up flags being used in the Water Project survey.

Mayor Smith introduced Dennis Keegan. Mr. Keegan has experience in land acquisition and offered his assistance with land acquisitions and to help with easements.

Councilmember Muncy reported Linn County will be holding an open house to review strategic goals and plans for Linn County. The open house is scheduled for March 25th.

Councilmember Weers reported signing up for the League of Kansas Municipalities KOMA class. Councilmembers Hemphill and Muncy will also sign up for the class.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Karen Siffring, City Clerk