

CONDEMNATION HEARING
AND
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
April 11, 2022
7:00 pm

CONDEMNATION HEARING

Present at the hearing were Mayor Cindy Smith, and Council Members Lewis Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, John Weers, Michael Hemphill, and Brenda Muncy.

Mayor Cindy Smith called the Condemnation Hearing to order at 7:00 pm. The hearing addressed Resolution #108.

The floor was opened for public comment. There were no comments from the public. Nuisance Code Officer Donald Hastings stated that the condemned properties remain in violation of the City Code and recommend condemnation of all properties listed in Resolution #108. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to condemn the properties identified in Resolution #108. The motion was seconded by Council Member Muncy and the motion passed 5-0. Mayor Smith closed the hearing at 7:05 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Cindy Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting were presented. Council Member Muncy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach and the motion carried 5-0.

BUILDING AND CODES CLERK

City Clerk Karen Siffing swore in Jenny Schooler as Linn Valley Building and Codes Clerk.

SEWER REPORT

Page Enterprise submitted the sewer report for March 2022. There were 40 locates for BG Consultants and 10 regular locates.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Planning and Development Director Daniel Donham reported an agreement reached for purchase of land for the water project booster pump location. RWD#1 is in process of marking water lines. Terracon has not received permission to do percolation testing on site of new wastewater system.

Aeration system installation is pending confirmation of adequate electrical service.

The modular building at city hall has been installed. Construction will begin on the walkway.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Forty-six permits were issued in March, with 117 total for the year.

MAINTENANCE REPORT/ NUISANCE CODES REPORT

Electricity has been installed in the new office building. Water and sewer lines have been trenched.

Codes Officer Hastings reported sending eight letters for nuisance issues in March with six confirmations of receipt of certified letters. He sent eight notice letters to property owners and issued one citation for code violations.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported five arrests in March for driving while suspended. An additional arrests were made for criminal damage to property, DUI and warrant arrests. The fire department responded to three grass fire calls in Linn Valley and five medical calls. In Miami county, they responded to five calls. The fire department attended wildland fire training in Mound City.

Director Murrison has applied for 50/50 grant from the State Forestry Service. Director Murrison requested \$8500 to purchase fireworks to raise money for fire department equipment. The city will be reimbursed from funds received from sales. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to approve up to \$8500 to purchase fireworks for the fire department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Muncy. The motion passed 5-0.

An estimate was received for repairing and extending the driveway around the fire and police building. The bid includes making repairs to direct water from the driveway area. Council Member Donelson made a motion to approve \$5500 from Street and Highway funds to fix the area. Council Member Muncy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The fire department will use an abandoned house for fire defense practice.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Clerk Karen Siffing reported \$44,990.89 income in March and \$166,542.53 in expenses. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to approve vouchers of \$289,433.60. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weers. The motion carried 5-0.

The new city logo was presented to the council and public.

SALES TAX RESOLUTION

After discussion, Council member Suppenbach made a motion to adopt Resolution #109 for a two percent sales tax with changes as discussed, pending legal approval. The motion was seconded by Council Member Muncy. The motion passed 5-0.

PENALTIES ORDINANCE

The Council reviewed a draft ordinance revising penalties for non-compliance to building and nuisance codes. Council Member Weers made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 238. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hemphill. The motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Council will have a special meeting April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall for legal.

The April 25, 2022 council meeting is canceled.

Council Member Hemphill will be part of the TNR project.

Council Member Donelson thanked the employees for their work to prepare the new building for the council meeting.

George Nunnemacher announced a program on the Saturday of Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial in Linn Valley.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Suppenbach and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:
Karen Siffring, City Clerk