

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
June 13, 2022
7:00 pm

Mayor Cindy Smith called the council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting were Councilmembers Lewis Donelson, John Weers, Michael Hemphill, and Brenda Muncy. Councilmember Robert Suppenbach attended via phone.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the May 23, 2022 were presented. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and the motion carried 5-0.

EMINENT DOMAIN

City Attorney James Brun introduced a resolution allowing the city to hire a surveyor in preparation for filing for eminent domain for proposed sewer lagoon property. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adopt Resolution 116 for eminent domain. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers. The motion carried 5-0.

BOND FUNDS

A resolution for the purpose of allowing the city to issue and sell general obligation notes was addressed. The funds will be used for expenses in connection to the Wastewater Lagoon Project. Councilmember Weers made a motion to adopt Resolution 113 and allow the mayor to sign the note agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donelson and passed 5-0.

STATE MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL

The Council discussed the option of moving Water Project funds to the State Municipal Investment Pool, giving the city an interest rate of 0.55% vs the current 0.40%. Councilmember Muncy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 114 allowing the city to move the funds to the municipal pool. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers. The motion carried 5-0.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Planning and Development Director Daniel Donham reported the land purchase of the booster pump property is complete and the easement release signed and recorded with the county. The geotechnical borings are also completed.

Aerators for the lagoons are in process of being installed. Wastewater metering devices have been installed at bathhouse 2 and the clubhouse and are in service. The meter at the community center is in the process of installation.

Director Donham explained the need for construction of a driveway and apron to the water tower property. A culvert is also needed. The city will pay for the culvert but need someone to put in the driveway. A bid was reviewed in the amount of \$9,385. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to approve \$9,385 for the drive and apron pending legal review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Muncy and the motion passed 5-0.

The lagoon area is in need of mowing and vegetation control. EK Land Management has bid \$4355 to do the work. Councilmember Weers made a motion to approve the bid for \$825 for mowing and \$3500 for weed control. Councilmember Hemphill seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

BUILDING CODES REPORT

Thirty-five building permits were issued in May, with 208 total for the year, including twelve permits for new residences.

MAINTENANCE REPORT/ NUISANCE CODES REPORT

The walkway between the new and old buildings at city hall is complete. Bids are being requested for demolition of the building on the newly purchased water tower property.

Thirteen letters were sent out in May for nuisance issues including RV's on building lots, no building permit, overgrown grass, sanitation, and safety issues. Five property owners have resolved their issues.

CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION

A resolution for condemnation of certain properties was reviewed by the Council. Six properties were sited. Councilmember Donelson motioned to approve Resolution 115. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Muncy. The motion carried 5-0. The Condemnation Hearing is set for July 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

SEWER REPORT

May's sewer report included ten locates, marking lines for engineer mapping, fixing lines to the bathhouse, and changing a pump out.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported the police department made one arrest for driving while suspended, responded to three vehicle accidents, and responded to seven additional issues. During Memorial Day weekend, numerous stops were made for juveniles operating golf carts and ATV's.

The fire department responded to nine medical calls, a vehicle accident, and a fire alarm.

Director Murrison is waiting on a new police vehicle from Cox Motors. He told the council that a long wait for police vehicles is expected.

Fireworks for the Fire Department fund raiser are coming from two vendors. Sales will begin June 27.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Clerk Karen Siffring reported \$12,498.25 income in May and \$66,178.98 in expenses.

Balances for the City's accounts and funds on May 31, 2022:

General Fund Checking: \$66,901.03
-Restricted Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund* \$204.57
-Restricted Tree Fund* \$1,650.00
-Restricted Parks & Recreation Fund* \$2,500.59
-Restricted Capital Improvement* \$23,890.70
-Restricted Special Equipment* \$29,695.29

*Restricted funds are included in the General Fund total.

Money Market: \$121,653.79
Total General Fund: \$188,554.79

Balances of other city funds on May 31, 2022:

Street & Highway Fund: \$125,661.22
Sewer Utilities: \$268,073.49
Sewer Reserve Fund: \$28,081.89
American Rescue Plan Fund: \$66,232,38
Temporary Notes (Water Project): \$2,261,243.49

Vouchers of \$208,618.94 were approved by motion of Councilmember Donelson and second of Councilmember Weers with a vote 5-0.

Clerk Siffring requested a special meeting of the council be held the following week for discussion of the 2023 budget. The meeting is set for June 20 at 7:00 pm at city hall. The agenda will be for: 2023 budget, and discussing the status of new Planning & Zoning Consultant for the city.

PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS

A letter from Linn County has requested a letter from the city to obtain the annual parks and recreation funds. The letter will confirm the funds will be used for parks, and recreational services. Councilmember motioned to allow Clerk Siffring to write the letter. The motion was seconded and passed 5-0.

The annual audit was conducted May 31st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith recommended postponing the Town Hall originally scheuded this month and reschedule when the council has decided on loan repayment plan.
City Hall will be closed the 16th to clean.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmemembr Donelson will suspend the TNR for this year due to high fuel costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith announced an oppportunity to meet the candidates for county commissoner, July 14th at the library in LaCygne.

Jerry Moore informed the council of potential issues with establishing assessments to property owners.

Sharon Caldwell requested information regarding the ordinance on docks. The council was not allowed to address the question since the subject was being handled between their attorney and City Attorney Brun.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by

Karen Siffring, City Clerk