

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS  
July 11, 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 was absent

#### MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to accept the June 13, 2022 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers and the motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to accept the June 20, 2022 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hemphill and the motion carried 4-0.

#### WATER PROJECT AND WASTEWATER PROJECT

Paul Owings, of BG Consultants, spoke on the necessity of having access to property near LaCygne for the water project booster pump. Mr. Owings provided a map of the area and recommended getting a permanent easement to the land for access to the pumps and lines, and a temporary easement for construction. The city would pay the owner \$8,500 for the easements, the same amount as offered in the purchase contract.

Councilmember Weers made a motion for a 30-minute legal executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donelson. The motion passed 4-0 and the council retired to the session at 7:05 pm and returned at 7:31 pm with no action taken.

Councilmember Weers made a motion to allow the attorney to negotiate an easement for the water booster pump property. The motion was seconded and carried 4-0.

BG Consultants have been granted access to survey the wastewater lagoon land. The survey will begin soon.

#### BUILDING CODES REPORT

Sixty-one building permits were issued in June, with 271 total for the year. Eighteen permits for residences have been issued 2022.

#### MAINTENANCE REPORT/ NUISANCE CODES REPORT

The entrance to the water tower area has been cleaned of brush and fence removed. Gravel was put on the road to the lagoons. Nine property owners were notified of tall grass/weeds code violations, five notices of trash and trash vehicles, and four with non-valid building permits.

#### SEWER REPORT

Thirteen locates, set flow meter at clubhouse, repaired control panel on one grinder pump. The flow meters were in service as of June 6. The city sent the first billing to the POA.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported the fireworks sale was a success, raising approximately \$14,500 for purchase of fire department equipment. No confirmation yet for the grant to purchase the ultra-high-pressure fire-fighting system. There were eleven medical calls in Linn Valley and four in Miami County.

## 2021 Audit

Clerk Siffring provided a copy of the 2021 audit to the council, mayor and attorney for their review.

## 2023 BUDGET

The council reviewed two options for the 2023 budget, Budget A with a 36.685 mill rate and Budget B 34.771 mill rate. Councilmember Weers made a motion to submit notice to the county clerk for Budget A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donelson and the motion passed 4-0.

## CITY CLERK REPORT

Clerk Karen Siffring reported \$192,064.11 income in June and \$138,542.94 in expenses.

Balances for the City's accounts and funds on June 30, 2022:

General Fund Checking:	\$110,786.49
-Restricted Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund*	\$204.57
-Restricted Tree Fund*	\$1,650.00
-Restricted Parks & Recreation Fund*	\$2,850.59
-Restricted Capital Improvement*	\$23,890.70
-Restricted Special Equipment*	\$29,695.29
*Restricted funds are included in the General Fund total.	
Money Market:	<u>\$121,703.76</u>
Total General Fund:	\$290,421.40

Balances of other city funds on June 30, 2022:

Street & Highway Fund: \$118,986.73  
Sewer Utilities: \$207,049.03  
Sewer Reserve Fund: \$28,081.89  
ARPA: \$132,464.76  
Temporary Notes (Water Project): \$2,261,243.49

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to approve the \$251,769.49 of vouchers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weers. The motion carried 4-0.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor presented background and reasoning for the proposed city sales tax that will be on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. Registered voters in Linn Valley will be sent a letter providing this background and reasoning information.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### OPEN FORUM

Questions were asked by several individuals in the audience regarding the eminent domain, sales tax, and the water project. The mayor and Attorney James Brun responded to the comments and questions.

#### ADJOURN

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hemphill and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by  
Karen Siffring, City Clerk