

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS  
AUGUST 22, 2022  
7:00 pm

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

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

#### MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the August 8, 2022, meeting was presented. Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Councilman Muncy, carried 5-0.

#### CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Renee Slinkard of the Daughters of the American Revolution gave history of Constitution Week. Each year the President of the United States designates one week in September as Constitution Week to recognize the importance of the US Constitution to the citizens of this country. Mayor Smith read the proclamation declaring September 17 through 23 Constitution Week and signing the Constitution Week Proclamation.

#### WATER PROJECT STATUS

The owner of property for booster pumps has agreed to an easement on his property for \$9500. Council Member Weers made a motion to allow the City Attorney to finish negotiations on the easement and allow the mayor to sign the agreement. Council Member Suppenbach seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Driveway to the water tower property is under construction. The culvert is installed. Three bids for demolition of the house on the water tower property were opened. Council Member Weers made a motion to accept the bid from K&K Construction for \$8500. The motion seconded by Council Member Muncy, passed unanimously.

BG Consultants completed a map of all easements required for water lines installations. Paul Owings from BG Consultants will be at the September 26th meeting.

A Town Hall for the Water Project will be in October or November.

#### 2023 BUDGET

Clerk Siffring requested using ARPA funds to pay for the Police Station / Public Safety building addition. Council Member Weers made a motion to allow use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$40,792 for the addition. The motion seconded by Council Member Suppenbach, passed unanimously.

The mill for the 2023 year will be increasing for the budget previously discussed by the council.

The current check signer list for city accounts at Labette Bank is out of date. Council Member Weers made a motion to allow the mayor (Cindy Smith), Robert (Council Member Suppenbach), Lew (Council Member Donelson), Karen (City Clerk Siffring) and Jenney (Codes Clerk Schooler), to be signers on

checks for the city's accounts with a maximum of \$5000 without a second signature. Council Member Suppenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

#### WASTEWATER PROJECT

The lift station was not functioning on the previous Sunday due to leakage. The lift station is now shut down. Mayor Smith cited parts of sewer disposal systems in Linn Valley consisting of the lagoons, lift station, holding tanks, sewer trucks, and grinder pumps.

Council Member Donelson provided summaries of water use and lagoon use in the city. Based on information from the Kansas Department of Agriculture Water Resources Division from 2016 to 2021 there was a 36% unaccounted for water. In the previous four years 154 sewer tanks and 26 grinder pumps installed without a proportional increase in reported lagoon use.

A grinder pump system will be installed at the Community Center. Installation of a new lift station is being discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Weers clarified to the audience that the council had ultimate responsibility for the decisions made by the city.

#### OPEN FORUM

POA Manager Pam McCoy requested information on the grinder pump system to be installed at the community center.

There were questions from the audience about the lagoon project and water project. The mayor and council responded.

Council Member Suppenbach made a motion for an executive session for fifteen minutes for legal. The motion seconded by Council Member Donelson passed unanimously. The council, mayor and city attorney retired to the session at 8:15 pm and returned at 8:30 pm with no action taken.

#### ADJOURN

Council Member Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hemphill and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Submitted by:  
Karen Siffring, City Clerk