

CONDEMNATION HEARING
AND
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
September 26, 2022
7:00 pm

CONDEMNATION HEARING

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

Mayor Smith called the Condemnation Hearing to order at 7:00 pm. The hearing addressed Resolution #117. The floor was opened for public comment.

William Woodrum of 93 N. Linn Valley Drive addressed the council. He showed pictures of the current condition of his property stating everything was cleaned up and if there was more needed to let him know and he would take care of it. Mayor Smith recommended giving a continuation and his property be removed from the condemnation list, pending an inspection by the city Codes Officer and a report at the November 14th council meeting.

Lot 1423 had been cleaned as requested and the property will be removed from the condemnation list. Lots 3070, lot 3932, and 44 E. Woodcut Dr will remain on the list.

Council Member Muncy made a motion to accept Resolution 117 to include 44 E. Woodcut Drive; 46 Black Oak Drive, Lot #3070; and lot 3932, 86 Silver Shadow Lane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach and carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith closed the condemnation hearing at 7:08 pm.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Cindy Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

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

OPEN DEMOLITION BIDS

The opening of demolition bids was cancelled. Bid opening is postponed to the October 10 meeting.

WATER PROJECT – PAUL OWINGS

Paul Owings of BG Consultants, engineer for the water project, talked about aspects of the project. The three systems of water in Linn Valley (haul, city lines, RWD#1 lines) will need to be transitioned to the water tower, distribution lines from LaCygne, and lines within the city. In consideration of water stalling, construction could be done in sections or simultaneously. Decisions on the construction process will need to be made in the near future. We should have permits for the water tower next month with construction of the tower starting in spring. The council will need to decide whether to include a fill station. The current fill station will remain in service, at least in the early stages of the project.

Obtaining the remaining easements from property owners and POA is in process. Water lines may need to be flushed occasionally to maintain good water quality. Larger pipes will be used to allow use of fire hydrants.

The location of the water meters is an additional decision. The recommendation to be consistent in their location. A drive-by meter reading method will likely be used.

PLANNING AND ZONING CONSULTANT

Council Member Donelson has completed secondary interviews with three groups for potential Planning and Zoning consultants. His recommendation is to establish a service agreement with IBTS, a non-profit group. The group is also familiar with Linn County. They do not have an up-front fee. Their cost for rezoning a property will be \$500 - \$600. Council Member Muncy made a motion to allow the mayor to go forward with an agreement with IBTS pending legal revenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Donelson and carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OPEN FORUM

Mayor Smith gave guidelines for speakers of up to three minutes each with the open forum period lasting no longer than thirty minutes. Each speaker will add their name and address to the form on the podium as well as state name and address prior to speaking. Council Member Suppenbach will monitor the forum.

Ty Davis, Linn Valley resident: He sighted a private citizen meeting that was held to discuss financing the \$6 - \$8 million sewer project and asked the amount of the proposed mill levy. He requested the city not take property by eminent domain. Citizens are now willing to get involved and he is requesting the council form a citizen committee to find another way of financing the project.

Juan Gorostiza, 85 Redwood: Asked how the city lets the public know about these things. Asked what type of water meters will be used so they can purchase them now before they increase in cost.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Suppenbach and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Submitted by:
Karen Siffring, City Clerk