

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
January 9, 2023
7:00 pm

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

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

Wayne Gudmonson of the Kansas Department of Transportation addressed the council. He requested the city sign a road maintenance resolution. The resolution would describe the responsibility of the city to maintain the area near and under highway 69. The council took no action.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Donelson and carried 5-0.

CONDEMNATION FOLLOW-UP

City Attorney James Brun is working to resolve the condemnation issues.

SEWER REPORT

Councilman Donelson reported the status of installing additional grinder pumps within the city. The city's on-call engineer was asked to design lines to a grinder pump. The engineer contacted the state. The state is requiring the city file for a permit, prior to installation, for each new connection to the system. This would require engineering services and would significantly increase the cost to the customer. This will be discussed with BG Consultants and will consider next steps for the city.

WATER PROJECT

The City Attorney is making positive progress in negotiations with RWD#1.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

The City Attorney is making positive progress in negotiations for lagoon property.

CODES REPORT

As of December 31, 2023, there are 110 open and active permits. No permits were submitted in December due to the moratorium in place. The mayor praised Codes Officer Don Hastings and Codes Clerk Jenny Schooler for their work.

BUILDING PERMIT MORATORIUM

The council considered lifting the moratorium for all building permits with the exception of connections to water and/or sewer. The Moratorium on water/sewer will be considered and dependent upon results from state testing of the lagoons. Testing is expected at the end of February to late March. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to lift the building permit moratorium excluding water and wastewater related permitting. The motion was seconded was carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO SET BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND OTHER FEES

The building permit fees will match the ITBS fee schedule, enabling the city to use ITBS as a backup to fill in if Codes Inspector Hastings is unavailable or unable to do inspections.

Clerk Karen Siffring presented a fee schedule resolution. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adopt Resolution #119 repealing resolution No. 112 and establishing fees pertaining to certain city services, permits, and applications offered by the city and referenced within the code of the City of Linn Valley, Kansas. Councilman Weers seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison requested the purchase of a body and car camera system. The cost is \$12,036. He requested using the \$8700 budgeted for the cameras plus an additional \$3336.00 from his budget. This purchase will save the city a considerable amount of money over the next five years. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to allow up to \$13,000 for the 10-8 system for the police cars and body cameras. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Muncy. The motion passed 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Karen Siffring reported \$19,737.02 income and \$64,879.42 expenses in December.

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

General Fund Checking:	\$27,929.56
-Restricted Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund*	\$204.57
-Restricted Tree Fund*	\$0
-Restricted Parks & Recreation Fund*	\$2,850.59
-Restricted Capital Improvement*	\$23,890.70
-Restricted Special Equipment*	\$29,695.29
*Restricted funds included in the General Fund total.	
Money Market:	<u>\$52,049.56</u>
Total General Fund:	\$79,978.70

Balances of other city funds on December 31, 2022:

Street & Highway Fund:	\$126,269.93
Sewer Utilities:	\$495,770.60
Sewer Reserve Fund:	\$40,194.20
ARPA:	\$51,257.95
Temporary Notes (Water Project):	\$1,571,070.22
Temporary Notes (Wastewater Project):	\$6,224,301.56

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$170,422.83. The motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill passed unanimously.

GAAP WAIVER

Clerk Siffring presented a 2023 GAAP waiver resolution. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to approve Resolution 120 as resolution of the governing body of Linn Valley, Kansas exempting the city from compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Muncy and carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith reported working on employee evaluations. At the next meeting the council will review 2023 priorities. She would like to consider hiring a nuisance officer soon, for about 12 hours a week. Councilman Suppenbach requested considering the nuisance office not be a resident of Linn Valley.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Donelson reported receiving a lot of calls about TNR. Several people have offered to fund the program.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURN

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk