

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 27, 2023
7:00 pm

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

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

PHILLIP ASHLEY – CITIZEN’S REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Phillip Ashely requested the Council review his building application for replacement of his current dock with a larger dock. As an alternative, he requested a permit to make changes and repairs to his current dock. The current dock exceeds limits set by city ordinance. Both requests were denied by the Council based on requirements and limitations in Ordinance 239.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to accept the February 13, 2023, minutes as written. The motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill carried 4-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Smith presented a letter from the Planning Commission recommending rezoning 44 S. Woodcut Drive from A-1 (Agricultural) to I-1 (Light Industrial). This will be the location of the water tower. Councilman Donelson made a motion to approve Ordinance 246 in regards to the water tower property from agricultural to light industrial. The motion, seconded by Councilman Weers carried 4-0.

Water Project Report

Mayor Smith gave the Water Project Report. All the paperwork required for bidding on the water tower construction was provided to and approved by the state. BG Consultants are preparing the formal bid request for publication. There are only three companies in this region capable of the construction and the anticipation is the bidding process will be completed quickly and we will break ground soon. Councilmen Suppenbach and Weers are negotiating easements for waterlines. Councilman Donelson made a motion to give the acquisition committee up to \$5000 per crossing for easement negotiations. Councilman Hemphill seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Attorney James Brun is working on an agreement for the common area easement with the POA.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

Per City Attorney James Brun, activity for the wastewater project is under legal responsibility. Councilman Donelson reported treatment of the lagoons to decrease sludge is continuing. Two backup flow meters have been ordered.

HEALTH INSURANCE

City employee’s Health insurance policy renews April 1. City Clerk Karen Siffring presented three options for a health insurance plan for city employees. Coverage of each option was similar. Deductibles increased when premiums decreased. Councilman Weers made a motion to accept Choice One. Councilman Hemphill seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Smith announced that April 29th will be a townhall meeting at City Hall at 10:00 am for infrastructure updates. It will be live streamed.

Mayor Smith recommend the new, budgeted employee be a part-time police officer and part-time codes officer. Public Safety Director Corey Murrison will supervise that person. The Council approved the mayor's developing a job description.

Bids have been requested for construction of a fence around the water tower land.

Councilman Donelson moved to go into executive session regarding legal discussion privacy and trade secrets and return at 7:51 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and the motion carried 4-0. The Council retired to the executive session at 7:41 pm and returned at 7:51 pm with no action taken.

OPEN FORUM

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Weers, passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk