

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
MARCH 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, Brenda Muncy, and Michael Hemphill.

Councilman Weers made a motion to go into executive session for legal contract for twenty minutes and return at 7:20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Suppenbach and carried 5-0. The council retired to executive session at 7:01 pm and returned at 7:20 pm with no action taken.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Muncy made a motion to accept the March 13, 2023, minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Councilwoman Hemphill, carried 4-0.

WATER PROJECT REPORT

Mayor Smith announced a preliminary agreement has been reached with RWD#1 for purchase of water rights. The final agreement is expected in approximately two weeks. Paul and Alex from BG Consultants will present an update of water project information and a timeline on the water tower and fill station. The POA Board has been invited to a special workshop meeting to discuss the water tower and fill station.

BIDS FOR WATER TOWER FENCE CONSTRUCTION

Three bids for construction of a fence around property for the water tower were received. The bids were in the amounts of \$11,070, \$9,360, and \$15,200. Councilman Donelson explained one of the submitted bids included use of materials different from the scope of work set by the city. Councilwoman Muncy made a motion to accept the bid from Matt Adams in the amount of \$11,070 and was seconded by Councilmember Weers. The motion passed 4-0 with Councilman Donelson abstaining on basis of a conflict of interest.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

An agreement has been reached with Woody, the property owner, for purchase of land for the new lagoons. The purchase amount is \$857,500. Councilman Donelson made a motion to allow the mayor to enter into a contract for \$857,500 to purchase the land. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Muncy and the motion carried unanimously.

COURT COSTS

Changing court costs was discussed. The current city municipal court cost is \$55 which was set by ordinance in 2015. The council reviewed a list of costs set by other cities of the third class. The subject will be discussed at a future meeting.

GOVERNING BODY MEETING SCHEDULE ORDINANCE

It was recommended dates for council meetings set by ordinance be changed. Meetings in November and December will be the second Monday of the month. There will be only one meeting for the two

months. Councilwoman Muncy made a motion to adopt Ordinance #247. Councilman Suppenbach seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Officer Corey Murrison recommended requesting sealed bids for the old police vehicle.

A part time employee to enforce the city code has not been hired. Councilman Donelson made a motion to allow Corey and his department to enforce nuisance codes beginning immediately. Councilman Suppenbach seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The Planning Commission will meet Wednesday at 6:00 pm to discuss recreational vehicles on lots within the city limits.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Donelson reported TNR will start up in mid-May.

Jason Solomon from Kansas Rural Water Association is scheduled to be here April 7th to meet with Councilman Donelson, and to inspect the lagoons.

City Clerk Karen Siffring presented a contract with the auditor for the 2022 annual audit. The proposed cost is to not exceed \$4495. Councilmember Donelson made a motion to approve the cost. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Weers, carried 5-0.

Clerk Siffring was given approval to attend a grant research and proposal writing seminar, May 10th, sponsored by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

OPEN FORUM

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Weers, passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk