

TOWN HALL  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS  
MAY 6, 2023  
10:00 am

Mayor Cindy Smith called the special meeting of the city council to order at 10:00 am.

Agenda: Town Hall for Water Project and Wastewater Project.

Councilmembers present at the meeting were Lewis Donelson, Robert Suppenbach, John Weers, Michael Hemphill, and Brenda Muncy; Public Safety Officer Corey Murrison, City Clerk Karen Siffring; and Paul Owings, engineer at BG Consultants.

Mayor Smith introduced council members, staff, and Mr. Owings. She explained the town hall's purpose was to share information on the Water Project and Wastewater Project and answer questions from the audience. It was noted that this is the fifth Town Hall meeting for the water project.

Mayor Smith asked Officer Murrison to speak regarding the proposed special purpose sales tax. Officer Murrison explained the city's need for a fire truck with a cost of about \$250,000. Although he applies for grants when available, we are competing with fire departments across the country for the same grant money. Most grants will fund only a portion of the cost, with the city required to pay the remainder. The proposed 1% special sales tax can only be used for a fire truck, and public safety equipment. The sales tax will automatically end after ten years.

Councilman Donelson reviewed the history of the water project and the needs of the city. At this time, the water plant is aging and the community has a hodge-podge of different systems. The city began working with engineers at BG Consultants over six years ago to review Linn Valley's water situation and needs. With the completed preliminary engineering report on a citywide system, the city applied for a grant from USDA. The application was approved in 2021.

Paul Owings explained the phases of the water project. The first phase will be construction of the water tower. A bid has been approved and construction will begin in September. Transmission lines plans are ready and pending permitting. Construction is expected to be completed about the same time as the water tower. Completion of the water tower and transmission lines from LaCygne should be in the fall of 2024. There will be a fill station. Construction of lines in the city is expected to begin when the tower and transmission lines are completed.

Councilman Weers gave the status of the Wastewater Project. The land, 139.6 acres, has been purchased for the new lagoons. The city needed approximately 114 acres however, the property owner was not willing to divide the property. Construction on the lagoons is expected to begin in the spring of 2025.

Mayor Smith recommended reviewing the information on the handouts, which can also be accessed on the city website or at city hall. Video of the town hall can be viewed on the website and city's facebook page.

ADJOURN

Council Member Weers made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Suppenbach and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.

Submitted by Karen Siffring, City Clerk