

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
MAY 8, 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. Guest: Joey McLiney of McLiney and Company.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Hemphill made a motion to accept the April 24, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Councilman Suppenbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

WATER BOND RESOLUTION

Mr. McLiney explained the bond notes for the water project in the amount of \$2,650,000 have been called for redemption. Additional bonds are needed to continue the project. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to approve Resolution No. 122 authorizing the sale of general obligation temporary renewal and improvement notes series 2023 in the amount of \$5,010,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No comments from the audience.

SEWER REPORT

Monthly report from Page Enterprise: eleven locates completed, a grinder pump basin was installed, and three grinder pumps were changed out. Paul Owings, engineer with BG Consultants met with Mike Page, City Sewer Operator, to discuss connection of the community center and nearby cabins to the grinder pump.

WATER PROJECT

No updates.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

No updates.

BUILDING AND CODES REPORT

Thirty-five permit inspections were completed in April with 68 year-to-date.

One bid was received for construction of new steps and a ramp to the new building. The council will discuss construction of a ramp and stairs at a later date.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Corey Murrison reported arrests for: domestic violence, aggravated domestic violence, and driving while suspended; reports for - a dog bite, a protection from abuse order, and a felony theft. There were four medical calls and one grass fire call in Linn Valley. In Miami County mutual aid area there were three grass fires and three medical calls.

Director Murrison requested council's approval to hire Allison Fox as full-time police officer at a rate of \$21 per hour. She is certified as a police officer. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to hire Allison Fox as a full-time police officer at \$21 per hour, with full benefits, and start date of May 21. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and carried 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Siffring reported \$11,792.60 income and \$47,386.30 expenses in April.

Balances for the city's accounts and funds on April 30, 2023:

General Fund Checking:	\$83,725.51
-Restricted Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund*	\$1,029.57
-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>\$208,122.53</u>
Total General Fund:	\$291,848.04

Balances of other city funds on April 30, 2023:

Street & Highway Fund:	\$104,005.22
Sewer Utilities:	\$400,880.59
Sewer Reserve Fund:	\$46,212.86
ARPA:	\$6,067.95
Temporary Notes (Water Project):	\$1,384,279.59
Temporary Notes (Wastewater Project):	\$5,341,034.21

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$204,082.06. Councilwoman Muncy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith recommended the council consider creating an Economic Development Commission to improve the economic status of the city. Council members discussed criteria for commission members including full-time and part-time residents, business owners or having a business background, and representatives of each zoning location in the city. The mayor suggested the commission have regularly scheduled meetings.

Building Codes Officer Donald Hastings requested establishing an advisory board to assist in interpreting codes. It was suggested the advisory board have three members. Officer Hastings would recruit individuals which the council would approve.

Mayor Smith would like the Planning and Zoning Commission to have regularly scheduled meetings rather than as-needed. The commission should also establish bi-laws.

Councilman Donelson motioned for an executive session for legal contractual for ten minutes returning at 8:05 pm. Councilman Suppenbach seconded the motion with the motion carrying 5-0. The council retired to executive session at 7:55 pm, returning at 8:05 pm with no action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Donelson announced that Prairie Paws will begin accepting TNR cats from Linn Valley once a month.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Muncy and passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk