

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
JUNE 26, 2023
7:00 pm

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

Mayor Cindy Smith was absent. Present at the meeting were Council Members Lewis Donelson, John Weers, Brenda Muncy, and Michael Hemphill. Also present were City Attorney James Brun and Public Safety Director Corey Murrison.

No changes were made to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Weers made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the June 12, 2023, and June 19, 2023, meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No comments from the audience.

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Attorney Brun is waiting on title reports.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

No updates.

PLANNING & ZONING MEMORANDUM DISCUSSION

Councilman Donelson reminded the council that they charging the Planning Commission with a multitude of tasks. IBTS, consultants, provided the memorandum amending the zoning ordinance at the cost of several thousand dollars. In addition, he quoted from the zoning regulations regarding options available to the council for responding to decisions of the Commission: accepting, rejecting, or returning it to the commission with request for changes.

Councilman Donelson recommended a moratorium on submitting requests to the commission, and developing a form for future submissions from the council. Council members Hemphill and Muncy pointed out errors in the memorandum. It was recommended that the moratorium be discussed in a workshop. Mayor Smith noted the ordinance creating the Commission is outdated and the council needs to reevaluate the Commission. Councilman Donelson will inform the Commission of the moratorium.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Attorney Brun and Public Safety Director Corey Murrison have follow-up discussion about an ordinance addressing noise issues. Attorney Brun said there must be a clear understanding of the parameters if written in an ordinance. Councilman Suppenbach advocated for requiring permits for major events. Councilman Weers said a permit would put liability on the city for what happens at the event.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Smith suggested the city create an economic development committee and provided a draft of purpose and goals of the committee. The council discussed volunteers and qualifications. The committee need people who are committed to the growth of the city. The committee may also participate in developing a new city comprehensive plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Wally Hook passed away. He was long term resident of Linn Valley and served as the city building & codes officer. Wally designed the Memorial Park in 2005 and was a significant part of its construction. The city would like to recognize his years of contribution to the city and community.

Mayor Smith recommended a raise for Jenny Schooler. She is building and codes clerk and is now doing sewer billing. Recommended raise to \$18.00 per hour. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to increase the pay rate for Jenny Schooler by \$1.80 per hour to \$18.00 to hour effective July 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried 5-0.

City offices will be closed July 3rd and 4th for the Independence Day holiday. The Fire Department is selling fireworks as a fundraiser.

City Clerk Karen Siffring will meet with the County Clerk July 6 to discuss the 2024 budget.

Councilman Suppenbach announced his resignation as Council President. He will remain a member of the Council. Councilman Suppenbach motioned to nominate Lew Donelson as council president. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Councilman Hemphill made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Suppenbach, passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk