

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
JULY 10, 2023
7:00 pm

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

Council Members at the meeting were Robert Suppenbach, Lewis Donelson, Brenda Muncy, John Weers, and Michael Hemphill. A quorum was present.

No changes to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to accept the June 26, 2023, meeting minutes as written. Councilman Weers seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No comments from the audience.

SEWER REPORT

June report from Page Enterprise: ten locates, made repairs to the lagoon pump/motor, four service calls, relocated one pump, and changed out one pump. Councilman Donelson will contact Operator Mike Page for additional information based on the written report.

WATER PROJECT

Councilman Weers reported the easement for property owned by Joyce Clark has been settled. A title search is in process to finalize an easement for POA's property.

WASTEWATER PROJECT

Paul Owings, project engineer, approved the plans provided by Operator Page for installation of grinder pump system at the Community Center.

BUILDING AND CODES REPORT

Thirty-one building permit inspections were completed in June with 132 inspections year-to-date.

Councilman Donelson reported Rob Gifford was ready to complete the clean-up of condemned property on Black Oak Drive. Gifford would like to complete condemnation at Silver Shadow at the same time.

Councilman Suppenbach motioned to have an executive session for legal, to return at 7:17 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and the motion carried 5-0. The council, mayor, and city attorney retired to the executive session at 7:10 pm. The meeting was reconvened at 7:17 pm with no action taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

The following was reported by Public Safety Director Corey Murrison: three arrests; an ATV accident, a Jet Ski accident, a four-wheeler accident, and two motor vehicle accidents, three medical calls, dumpster fire, and structure fire. Director Murrison reported approximately \$18,000 net income was

raised on fireworks sales held by the fire department. He thanked Councilman Suppenbach and his wife for their help with the fireworks sale fundraiser.

2024 BUDGET

City Clerk Karen Siffring presented a draft of the 2024 budget for the general fund. After Council's discussion, Councilman Donelson made a motion to accept the budget with the mill levy of 40.262, exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Councilman Weers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The RNR hearing and budget hearing will be held September 11, 2023 prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Siffring reported \$205,202.78 income and \$55,249.75 expenses in June.

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

Operating Fund: \$310,763.41
-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 Operating Fund total.

Balances of other city funds on June 30, 2023:

Street & Highway Fund: \$139,220.84
Sewer Utilities: \$446,428.72
Sewer Reserve Fund: \$63,642.24
ARPA: \$6,067.95
Temporary Notes (Water Project): \$1,913,542.98
Temporary Notes (Wastewater Project): \$5,205,496.26

Councilman Suppenbach motioned to approved vouchers in the amount of \$915,723.59. The motion, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Smith discussed the 2023 Priority List, noting major progress in both the water project and wastewater project. Other items on the list included: updating the website, purchasing a new fire truck, taking on no additional debt, and zoning ordinance update. Mayor Smith recommended adding five items to the list: review and update the Planning and Zoning Commission responsibilities and reappointments; reviewing responsibilities of the Council President and reappointments, disposition of old city buildings, planning for a long-term city hall building. She also recommended moving 'establishing an economic development committee' to a 2024 priority.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Murrison was contacted by the county IT Director asking the city's thoughts on putting a radio listener site on the water tower – antenna and dish receiver. The antenna will help with hand-held radio

communications for the police and fire departments. Current coverage in this part of the county is poor. Councilman Donelson will ask Paul Owings' opinion.

ADJOURN

Councilman Hemphill made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Suppenbach and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk