

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
JULY 24, 2023
7:00 pm

In the absence of Mayor Cindy Smith, Council President Lewis Donelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll was called by City Clerk Karen Siffring with Councilmen Robert Suppenbach, John Weers, and Michael Hemphill present, and Councilwoman Brenda Muncy absent. There was a quorum. Also present were City Attorney James Brun and Public Safety Director Corey Murrison.

No changes to the agenda.

State Senator Caryn Tyson was scheduled to speak but was not present at the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the July 10, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and carried 4-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Councilman Donelson introduced Linn Valley Planning Commission Chair Eric Victor, noting he has served on the commission for sixteen years. Also present was Gregg Ahnemann who has served four years on the commission. Mr. Victor gave an informal presentation of the commission's work and conclusions. Their objective was to clean up and simplify the current zoning ordinance and to address particular situations. IBTS was the preparer the draft revisions and additions to the ordinance. References to the Property Owners Association were removed to separate responsibilities. New situations regarding churches and short term rentals are addressed in the resolution. Rather than not allowing RV' on lots or having no restrictions, the Commission recommends permitting RV's on R-1 lots for up to 96 hours, no longer allowing extensions to the time limit. Having a standard amount of time would be easier to understand and easier to enforce. Enforcement time period would begin when initially noted by codes officer.

After discussions, Councilman Donelson recommended designating the August 28th meeting as a workshop to review the Planning Commission Resolution. The council thanked Mr. Victor and Mr. Ahnemann for all their work and for bringing it to the council with their explanations.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Rob Gifford addressed the council. He has been demolishing a city-condemned structure on Black Oak, per contract. He asked if the concrete slab should be removed. Councilman Donelson directed it not be removed.

CITY BUILDINGS: DISPOSITION OF OLD BUILDINGS / NEW BUILDING

Councilman Donelson reminded the council the lease on the new building ends in March 2026. The city needs to be prepared financially for a permanent building. He asked the council if they were ready to market the two old city hall buildings. Joey McLIney provided contact information for Ascentrium Group which produces energy efficient structures made with recycled Styrofoam. A city building constructed by

Ascentium Group appears to be affordable. Information regarding new buildings will be distributed to the council and mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

Demolition of the Silver Shadow condemnation is still in legal status.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Suppenbach requested the Codes' Ford F150 pick-up truck be transferred to the fire department. Councilman Weers motioned to transfer the city codes truck to the fire department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and passed 4-0.

City Clerk Siffring reported receiving a dividend check from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$7,266.87.

ADJOURN

Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Weers, passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring, City Clerk