

**LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Lew Donelson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Council President Robert Suppenbach
 Council Member Michael Hemphill
 Council Member Connie Capps
 Council Member John Weers

Council member absent: Council Member Richard Gravelle

Also present: James Brun, Attorney
 Corey Murrison, Public Safety Director
 Jeremy Hansen, Assistant Fire Chief
 Mendi Cyr, City Clerk

Council President Suppenbach led the council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Council member John Weers

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Lew Donelson took this time to clarify his statement at the last council meeting about living in RVs within Linn Valley. George Nunamaker, reported from Linn County News, addressed the audience and the council with an apology that he misinterpreted the statement from the last meeting. It is not the intention of the City of Linn Valley to prohibit people from living in their RV's, as a full-time resident, if they are following ordinances pertaining to full time residence requirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Suppenbach made the motion to approve the January 27, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Council member Weers seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

CLERK REPORT

City Clerk Cyr reported total income for January was \$244,267.22, total vouchers were \$65,839.56. She also reported that the Public Safety Reserve is now at \$80,542.32. Council President Suppenbach made the motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$65,839.56. Council member Hemphill seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

TEXTMYGOV

City Clerk Cyr and Codes Clerk Schooler have been in contact with a company that provides text messaging service. This service allows managers to send mass text messages to the community. There is no app to download, they sign up through the website. Many members of our community do not have, nor do they want Facebook, several members of the community have said, they always check their text messages. Council President Suppenbach made the motion for the Mayor to enter

into contract with Textmygov for 3 years with an initial cost of \$2750.00 for the first year and \$2500.00 for each additional year. Council member Weers seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

SEWER REPORT

No report available from Page. A reminder to the community was that grinder pumps are the property of the City. If the same pump is continually replaced due to products being put down the system, they have the authority to charge the property owner for the replacement cost of the grinder pump.

NUISANCE REPORT

Building Inspector Steve German reported seven violation letters were sent out. He issued three citations.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

Building Inspector Steve German reported a total of nine permits submitted year to date, seven of those were approve, two were for new residence.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Safety Director Murrison reported they had two dogs at large complaints; both were returned home. They took a report for a dog bite, two reports for the well-being of two separate elderly couples.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Chief Jeremy Hansen reported they ran five calls for EMS, one reported structure fire that ended up being an outlet smoking and two calls for Miami County for mutual aid. He also reported that the heater stopped working at the station on the hill. The water in the hoses and pump of the tanker and the pumper froze. The pumper was fixed, but the pump on the tanker broke in half. A pump for the truck is \$6000.00 and it also needs a clutch. Council member Weers made the motion the City provide payment for parts for the tanker truck, not to exceed \$7000.00 funds are to be used from the emergency equipment fund. Council member Hemphill seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

WATER PROJECT

Bids will be awarded on February 24, 2025, council meeting.

WASTEWATER REPORT

As the community continues to grow the lagoons are becoming over staged. Mayor Donelson recently met with Mr. Soloman from the KRWA. He reported that the lagoons need some help. Desludging might be an option; more information is needed. Mayor Donelson suggested a moratorium on any new grinder pumps or sewer installations. Council President Suppenbach made a motion that the Mayor and City Attorney draft an Ordinance pertaining to a moratorium building, specifically for low-pressure system grinder installations and sewer tank installation. Council member Capps seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

The report is back from KDHE with several corrections that need to be made. BG Consultants are working on the corrections. They have also provided a new timeline, we are hoping it will go to bid this summer with lagoon construction starting soon after the bid is awarded. It would probably be in 2026 before a moratorium could be lifted.

CITY HALL

The current City Hall is a rental, it has been in discussion for a while whether a new City Hall needs to be built and where it would be built. It was the consensus of the council to build a City Hall in the current location. The first step will be removing the old building. Council President Suppenbach made the motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract to remove the old modular home that is behind the current court building with a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Council member Hemphill seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

Council member Weers made the motion for the Mayor to move forward with conversations with the Department of Mental Health on possibly building a business in Linn Valley. Council President Suppenbach seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Suppenbach made a motion to adjourn. Council member Hemphill seconded the motion, carried 4-0.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.