

MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
AUGUST 28, 2017

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Present were Council Members Dennis Kidwell, Lew Donelson, Claire Smith, and Dan Davies. Council Member Jason Jenkins was absent. A quorum was present. Also present were City Attorney Gary Thompson, City Clerk Karen Siffring.

REVIEW THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked if the Council had changes or additions to the agenda. None were requested.

2. CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

Mayor Dwyer introduced Rene Slinkard of the Marais des Cygnes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Slinkard gave an explanation of Constitution Week including noting that it originated with President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing the commemoration into law in 1956. Council Member Kidwell made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the proclamation for Constitution Week from September 17 through September 23. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and the motion carried 4-0.

3. MEETING WITH THE POA

Introducing themselves as individuals representing the POA were Roger Canaan, President of the POA Board; Pam McCoy, POA Manager; and Board Member Daniel Smith. City Attorney Thompson gave a history of the City's unsuccessful attempt to acquire a government grant to partially pay for a PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) for water service. The State of Kansas refused to issue funds because the water system was not fully owned by the City. The City has proposed to the POA that the agreement be modified to satisfy criteria for a grant. The POA requested answers to questions and a meeting prior to making a decision on the proposed agreement change. The floor was opened to questions from the POA members. POA President Canaan asked for cost of the PER. Attorney Thompson answered that, depending on the scope of the study, cost would range from approximately \$30,000 to \$60,000. Currently the water plant is producing 50,000 gallons of water per day and using Rural Water as back up. It was noted that the PER will answer other questions. Board Member Smith voiced concern that a functioning fire hydrants and a water tower should be addressed in the PER as they would most likely decrease insurance costs for home owners. The Council noted that the City is growing. The Mayor and Council Members promoted holding a town hall meeting after the report is completed and before final decisions are made. President Canaan said he would recommend the Board sign the papers changing section #12 in the agreement.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the August 14th meeting. Council Member Donelson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Davies and the motion passed 4-0.

5. SEWER UPDATE

Mayor Dwyer informed the Council that final payout on the sewer has been made and the roads are finished. A generator has been ordered and its purpose and use will be for the sewer and grinder pump support.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the audience.

7. ADJOURN

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was followed by a second from Council Member Kidwell. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

Submitted by
Karen Siffring
City Clerk