

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Mayor Jeanne Dwyer – present
Council Member Dan Davies – present
Council Member Lew Donelson - present
Council Member Jason Jenkins – absent
Council Member Claire Smith – present
Council Member Dennis Kidwell – absent
City Attorney Gary Thompson – present
City Clerk Karen Siffring – absent, Wendy Staton sitting in.

1. Mayor Dwyer opened the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. and asked that we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of 9/11/2001.

The Mayor asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. No changes were requested.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Mayor Dwyer called for the approval of minutes from the August 28th meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

3. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

In the absence of City Clerk Siffring, City Attorney Gary Thompson read the totals of the various vouchers from the City Clerk's report. Expenses were: General Fund-\$32,202.47; Street and Highway Fund -\$452.64; Sewer Construction Fund-\$247,574.97; and Sewer Utilities Fund-\$2,334.82. A motion was made and seconded approving expenses in the amount of \$282,564.90. The motion carried 3-0. There were no changes in the City Clerk's report.

4. WREATH RIDERS

Council Member Smith requested that a donation be made to the Wreath Riders. The Wreath Riders are raising funds to cover the Veteran's headstones in Fort Scott. Their goal is \$6,000.00. The cost of each wreath is \$15.00. Council member Davies asked where the money would come from and did they have it in the general fund budget. City Attorney Thompson advised there is no general fund line item, but there are some funds available in the administrative fund that would be available. Council member Smith made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Wreath Riders. The motion was seconded by council member Davies. The motion passed 3-0.

5. WATER AGREEMENT

At this time, we have not heard from the POA. The POA has a meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2017, and council member Smith advised she would attend the meeting.

Mayor Dwyer spoke to the grant writer regarding the police station. She is having difficulty finding a grant that will work.

6. LOW PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM UPDATE

There is money still available in the grant for the low pressure sewer system additions. Mike Page submitted a cost projection to Rural Development. City Attorney Thompson explained there were nine properties that were originally a part of alternate group #1, but had to be set aside. He suggested that a motion be presented to add the nine properties back into the sewer district. Council member Donelson made the motion. The motion was seconded by council member Smith. The motion passed 3-0.

7. SANITATION REPORT

Operator Mike Page was not at the meeting, therefore the Sanitation report was not covered during the meeting.

8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Dan Smith was absent but his report went over the call log for the month of August, 2017. There were six calls during the month of August.

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Murrison reported six arrests, and two civil standbys. Chief Murrison also advised the the Council that Tasers his department uses were deemed obsolete by the company that manufactures them. Five new Tasers will cost \$6,200.00. The manufacturer will accept a payment plan of \$1,300.00 per year for five years. They will also give the department \$300.00 in credit for the old tasers, and this includes a four year warranty. Chief Murrison would like to purchase before the first of the year. He has already verified that his budget has enough to pay for the tasers. Council member Donelson made a motion for the council to approve purchase of the tasers using the five year payment plan. Council member Davies seconded the motion. The motion was was passed 3-0.

The police department has used the same Glock hand guns for the past seven years. Chief Murrison spoke to Nana Joe's. They are willing to trade the department's three Glocks plus a seized firearm in the department's inventory for three new H&K handguns. Council member Donelson made a motion to allow the trading of firearms. Council member Davies seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Chief Murrison advised the the Dodge Charger has been overheating. It is now being serviced.

10. BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Inspector Isabell was absent. The Inspector's report was read. There are currently outstanding permits that are four years old. There were 58 inspections, 15 new permits, 19 finalized projects and 104 open permits. Council member Lew Donelson believes something is being missed and not enforced. It was agreed upon that the council needs to speak to Inspector Isabell.

11. CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Codes enforcement officer Ralph Fitch read his report with 7 inspections, 7 correction notices, 2 complete corrections, 14 properties to be issued certified notices, two properties with dumped RV's, a property with dumped household items and 15 properties still not completed .

Officer Fitch is requesting \$1,852.00 for new gravel for the road and drive way at City Hall. City attorney Gary Thompson advised that would come out of the street and highway fund. Council member Donelson made a motion to approve the amount of \$1,852.00. Council member Claire Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Officer Fitch advised he needs to start getting estimates for a new sump pump and/or repair for the City Hall Annex. There is a drainage problem under the City Hall building. He plans on speaking to Mike Page for an estimate.

There have been two abandoned/dumped camper trailers. Officer Fitch presented the question of legally removing them. City attorney Gary Thompson advised there is no defined time period. The owner of the property where the camper trailers are abandoned needs to tell the City that he doesn't own them and he wants them removed from his property. City attorney Thompson advised the ideal situation is to find a tow company the will remove the camper trailers, and then pursue the owners for the tow bill.

12. OPEN FORUM

A question was asked from a member of the audience regarding the building permit issue. "Is there a time limit when you receive a building permit?" Answer: "Yes, there is a limit."

13. ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by
Wendy Staton
Municipal Judge