

MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

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

The Council began the Workshop with discussion about building permits. The Council noted that based on Inspector Isabell's report that over 100 permits are open. Inspector Isabell told the Council that the number included permits are out of date and or were not yet paid. The number of paid and active permits is significantly less than 100. At the Council's request the Inspector explained the process to obtain a permit. The permit application is given to the POA Architectural Committee. When approved by the committee and then approved by the Building Inspector, a permit is issued. Properties are not inspected unless the permit has been paid. Council Member Donelson discussed implementing methods for efficiency. He explained that the Linn Valley Lakes Property Owners Association (POA) has set criteria on construction especially regarding easements and placement. Since these parameters are not backed by City ordinance, the POA should be enforcing them, not the City Inspector. Council Member Donelson suggested a deposit of \$35 be charged when filing a permit application. The Council thanked Inspector Isabell for his work and let it be known that the City continues to support him.

The workshop closed at 6:23 pm.

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 6:23pm.

2. REVIEW THE AGENDA
Mayor Dwyer asked if the Council had changes or additions to the agenda. None were requested.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council Member Donelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11th meeting and the motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed 3-0.
4. WATER STUDY
Mayor Dwyer referred the Council to two documents in their books. One was a recent violation letter on the water system and the other was a document from Phillip Fishburn of the Midwest Assistance Program. Both documents pointed out the urgency of taking action on the water. A sizable grant is needed. After October 1st funds will be available and recommended the City pursue a grant for the Preliminary Engineering Report. The Public Water Supply Regional Planning Grant had previously been denied a grant to pay for the PER because the system was not in the City's name. The water permit was put in the City's name in May and Mayor Dwyer said it should be applied for again. The City has been working with the POA since May to amend the current water agreement. The POA has postponed reviewing the agreement proposal until November. The PER is needed. After the report is received there will be two town hall meetings

to let the public know the findings and get their input. A member of the audience mentioned that in his opinion the violation was minor. The current water plant was built 50 years ago and can produce adequate water. There were no other comments.

5. SEWER UPDATE

Mayor Dwyer told the Council that owners of nine properties have been sent letters to inform them that a sewer system will be installed at their property. These properties were originally removed from list because it was expected there would be a lack of money to include them. However, funds are still available.

Council Member Donelson said that something needed to be done about suspended solids that are clogging the pumps and filling the lagoons. He recommended that special equipment be used to remove these solids prior to going through the pumps.

The Mayor informed the Council that there were originally 254 homes on the sewer system. With these nine properties plus new construction there will be over 270 homes on the system. Mayor Dwyer responded to a question from the audience that the pipes are designed for 700 households.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no additional comments from the audience.

7. ADJOURN

Council Member Donelson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was followed by a second from Council Member Smith. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Submitted by
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City Clerk