

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Members Present: Wayne Howard, Kay Jones, Bill Patterson, Brandon Smith,
Doug Watson and Mayor Jeff Bronson

Others Present: Kim Newman, City Administrator
Barbara Schattak, City Clerk
Pat Walsh, City Attorney (8:15)
Darrel Manning, Chief of Police/Zoning Administrator
Julie Stutzman, Pool Operations Manager
Peggy Clark and Coleen Kirsop, Bailey House Committee members

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bronson called the meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL: City Clerk called roll of the city council; all members were present.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Patterson to approve the adjourned meeting minutes of August 15, 2011 as amended. Watson seconded the motion, which carried.
4. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL: City Clerk presented each council member a copy of a Joint Recreation Committee update, two letters from MediaCom regarding changes to the channel line-up, correspondence from Teresa Calvert, notice from Public Wholesale Water Supply District #12 of a price increase from the state beginning in 2012, minutes of the August 17, 2011 of the PWWSD #12 meeting and the July issue of the Kansas Government Journal.
5. CITIZEN'S STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS: None
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a) DISCUSSION ON UTILITY RATES: The City Administrator reported staff has been preparing to discuss utility rates at the next meeting. It was noted the City Auditor stated you only need to amend the budget when your expenses are planned to exceed your budget expenses. The City Administrator suggested Council not increase any utility rate until after the first of the year, after some discussion the matter was tabled.
 - b) SRS BUILDING UPDATE: Each council member was given a press release copy which the City Administrator received by email. It was reported when the County Commissioners met last they voted to not commit funds in order to keep the office in the area. After some discussion, the City Administrator stated as information became available it would be forwarded to council members.

- c) BAILEY HOUSE CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECT: Peggy Clark presented the council with the contract for design between the City and the Architect. After some discussion, a motion was made by Watson to authorize Mayor Bronson to sign the design contract for the Bailey House with Susan Richards Johnson and Associates, Inc. on behalf of the City. Patterson seconded the motion, which carried. Howard opposed.
7. NEW BUSINESS: None
- a. POOL SEASON REVIEW: The Pool Operations Manager gave a year-end report of the pool season as well as recommendations for next year.
 - b. ORDINANCE NO. 778 – STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION 2011: The City Attorney presented Ordinance No. 778 for approval. After some discussion, a motion was made by Howard to approve Ordinance No. 778 and authorize Mayor Bronson to sign on behalf of the City. Smith seconded the motion, which carried.
 - c. ORDINANCE NO. 779 – UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION 2011: The City Attorney discussed with the council about tabling this ordinance to the next meeting. After some discussion, it was the consensus to table the matter.
 - d. POSSIBLE PROSECUTION OF MARIJUANA CASES: The City Attorney discussed with the Council of the possibility of prosecuting certain cases for possession of marijuana and or paraphernalia. Instead of creating a new ordinance he would add it to Uniform Public Offense Code ordinance. It was the consensus of the council to add the prosecuting of marijuana cases to the ordinance; the matter was tabled to the next meeting.
8. MONTHLY FINANCIALS: A list of vouchers for payment of August expenses was presented. A motion was made by Patterson to pay accounts as set forth. Watson seconded the motion, which carried.
9. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS: Patterson stated the letter from Teresa Calvert is generating a lot of questions. Jones indicated the City needs to have a way to explain to citizens why employee benefits can be taken out of the utilities and included on water bills. The City Administrator stated health benefits have already been discussed and passed with the budget and suggested discussing them again next year. The matter was tabled.

Howard asked about getting time clocks so employees are more accountable for their time. The City Administrator stated even though she has already purchased a time clock she is comfortable about the accounting of employee time as section heads verify their time. After some discussion, the matter was tabled.

Howard also asked if the City was going to have the cracks sealed in the asphalt roads when Killough Constructions comes to do the streets. The City Administrator reported she would need to ask this question to the Maintenance Superintendent.

Howard questioned if tree board members should be from within city limits only. Patterson reported when the tree board was formed there was not enough interest in town therefore the City went district wide. It was noted there should be guidelines to where trees should be planted.

Jones questioned if the Joint Recreation Commission had by-laws, if they do then the City needs to have a copy. Staff was asked if any answer for Position No. 2 regarding appointment to the Commission; it was reported there had been no response. After some discussion, a motion was made by Smith to authorize writing to Position No. 2 of the Recreation Commission seeking replacement. Howard seconded the motion, which carried. Staff will put Position No. 2 on the next meeting agenda for removal from the Recreation Commission. Patterson asked if the appointments dates of the Recreation Commission could be verified.

Jones reported there are low hanging trees on the west side of the walking trail needing trimmed and asked who is responsible to trim; the City Administrator reported this was a questions for the Maintenance Superintendent.

The City Administrator reported she has sent a letter to the Recreation Commission asking them to join with the City to help with the Pride Committee. A Pride meeting will be based on any conversation with the Recreation Commission. A tentative date for a meeting is September 20, 2011.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

11. ADJOURNMENT: At 9:24 p.m. a motion was made by Watson to adjourn to Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.



Barbara Schattak
City Clerk