

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
November 18, 2013

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Members Present: Mayor Brandon Smith, Doug Watson, Darby Kneisler, Chris Cole, Bill Patterson, and Laura Moore

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Kimberly Newman, City Administrator  
Julie Stutzman, City Clerk  
Darrel Manning, Chief of Police  
Jeremy Gaston, Osage Herald-Chronicle  
Tyler Jones

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL: City Clerk called roll of the city council; all members present.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Cole made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 4, 2013 as amended. Kneisler seconded, motion carried.
4. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL:
  - Pledge of Securities from Lyndon State Bank.
  - Note from Jayson Massey with the American Legion regarding use of the lift truck to paint the flagpole and signpost. After discussion, it was consensus of the Council that the City does allow use of the City equipment, however, agreed that the Maintenance Supervisor could operate the truck to help the Legion on volunteer time.
5. CITIZEN'S STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS: Tyler Jones who lives at 1106 Adams thanked the City and the Maintenance crew for replacing the mailboxes.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a) LED LIGHTING: The City Administrator presented the Council with options for financing the lighting. After further discussion, Watson made the motion authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate a lease purchase contract with Lyndon State Bank. Patterson seconded, motion carried with Cole abstaining.
  - b) SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PHASE II CONTRACT: Bruce Boettcher with BG Consultants reviewed the contract for Safe Routes to School Phase II with the Council.

Kneisler made the motion to approve the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign. Watson seconded, motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) PROCLAMATION FOR VETERAN'S DAY:

A Day to Remember and Honor all our Veterans and Pay Special Respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our Country.

***WHEREAS**, with great opportunity comes great sacrifice and for each of us, our opportunities and freedoms were borne by the sacrifices of our nation's veterans; and*

***WHEREAS**, many of these brave men and women leave the security of loved ones and their homes to travel to the farthest corners of the world to defend our way of life; and*

***WHEREAS**, they serve with valor to ensure that America, our allies and our liberty remain safe from the grasp of tyrants and oppressors; and*

***WHEREAS**, today we honor all our veterans and pay special respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country; and*

***WHEREAS**, you fortified our nation through your deeds in the armed forces, your lives and the tales of your bravery continue to inspire others to action.*

***THEREFORE**, I, Brandon Smith, Mayor of the City of Lyndon, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2013 as Veterans Day. May this Veterans Day be a reflective gratitude-filled time as we remember those who sacrificed to protect the promise of the American dream, and may we also remember and pray for the brave troops who currently serve our nation.*

***FURTHER**, it is important that the anniversary of this date be commemorated with thanksgiving, prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on its importance. A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.*

Patterson made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2013 Veteran's Day proclamation. Kneisler seconded, motion carried.

8. STAFF REPEORTS:

a) POLICE: Council received police activity reports for October and November.

b) PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.

c) MAINTENANCE: Council received a copy of the Maintenance report.

d) CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

TRAIL: The City Administrator stated the trail is nearing completion. She stated the City did not receive full funding from Sunflower and will receive \$39,000 instead of \$55,000. The City Administrator stated the project budget is over by approximately \$13,500 due to reduction in funding.

USD 421 BUILDING PROJECT: The City Administrator stated she attended the meeting for the project where a financial presentation by Piper Jaffrey and six different site options were presented. She also stated mill rates were discussed and the increase in taxes per household. The City Administrator and the Council discussed 6<sup>th</sup> street and FAS route with Bruce Boettcher of BG Consultants. It was consensus of the Council to pay the billable hours to BG Consultants for gathering the preliminary information and numbers. The City Administrator and the Council further discussed the project and no action taken. The City Administrator stated the next project advisory meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the school.

WINTER FESTIVAL: The City Administrator stated the Winter Festival is on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the event schedule is the same as last year. She stated this year's road race is honor of Mary Ann Feltner and a letter from Pride President George Stutzman went out to Clyde and Marion Burns asking them to be the Grand Marshalls for the winter parade.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER: The City Administrator stated there will not be a community Thanksgiving dinner this year as the group that did it last year will not be hosting it this year.

#### 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

PATTERSON: Patterson asked about the streetlights that were out in town and the Chief of Police stated an update list of streetlights outages are sent to KCPL.

MOORE: No comment.

COLE: Cole made a brief statement about getting Lyndon shown on the news station for the daily weather or during weather situations.

KNEISLER: No comment.

WATSON: No comment.

MAYOR SMITH: Mayor Smith stated he went to the Lions Club 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and had some discussions with residents there about the dilapidated structures in town. They also wanted to know about using the Community Center and waiving fees

as it would be nice to have a central meeting place. After further discussion, no action taken.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:00 p.m., Kneisler made the motion to recess to executive session for 15 minutes for personnel. Watson seconded, motion carried. At 9:15 p.m., Council reconvened and Watson made the motion to adjourn for an additional 5 minutes for personnel. Patterson seconded, motion carried. At 9:20 Council reconvened, no action taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Cole made the motion to adjourn to Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for Regular meeting. Kneisler seconded the motion, which carried.

*Julie Stutzman*  
City Clerk