

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
July 15, 2013

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Kimberly Newman, City Administrator
Julie Stutzman, City Clerk
Pat Walsh, City Attorney
David Wilson, Maintenance Supervisor
Darrel Manning, Chief of Police
Elisabeth Gaston, Osage Herald Chronicle
Wayne White, Osage County Online
Raylen and Karen Phelon, owners of Terrace Apts at 722 Washington

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL: All members were present.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A motion was made by Watson to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2013 as presented. Kneisler seconded, motion carried.
4. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL:
 - Kansas Government Journal from April 2013.
 - Letter of resignation from Municipal Court Judge Stephen Jones.
 - Letter of resignation from Mayor Kay Jones.
 - Pledge of securities from Lyndon State Bank.
 - Thank you letter for supporting the Lyndon Summer Reading Program from Bella Reeser.
5. CITIZEN'S STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS: Raylen and Karen Phelon came to Council to discuss the hardship of the current water, sewer and trash rates. The housing is for elderly which rent is based on income and they are limited on how much rent can be charged. After further discussion, matter was tabled and the City Clerk will get rate information from other cities.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - a) RANSON FINANCIAL RFP UPDATE: The City Administrator stated Ranson Financial was to meet with Council and get authorization to do a RFP for bond issue. The City

Administrator stated they have notified her that in the last 30 days the City's perceived savings diminished from \$80,000 to \$28,000 because of interest rates. She stated in August it will be revisited and when interest rates are back down, an RFP will be viable. After further discussion, matter was tabled.

- b) ORDINANCE 792 SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: The City Attorney provided the Council with a draft of Ordinance 792 allowing consumption of alcoholic liquor on a city street, alley, road or sidewalk for special events with written notice. After further discussion, matter was tabled.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) DISCUSSION OF CURFEW ORDINANCE: The City Attorney stated the curfew discussion has been brought up before. The Chief's recommendation is to require persons 17 years of age and younger to be in by midnight; the City Attorney agrees. After further discussion, matter was tabled as the City Attorney will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.
- b) ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION LETTERS: A motion was made by Watson to accept the resignation of Judge Stephen Jones as of July 18, 2013. Smith seconded, motion carried. A motion was made by Patterson to accept the resignation of Mayor Kay Jones as of August 2nd, 2013. Cole seconded, motion carried.

Before resuming the budget discussion, the Mayor called a 5-minute recess at 7:55 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. the Mayor called the meeting back to order.

- c) BUDGET DISCUSSION: After further discussion and review of the 2014 budget, a motion was made by Smith to raise City mill rate to 61.886, an increase of 2.1 mills. Watson seconded, motion carried.

9. STAFF REPEORTS:

- a) POLICE: Council members were given a copy of the Officer Activity report from June 30 to July 12, 2013 with case list and mid-year overview.
- b) PLANNING AND ZONING: No meeting this month because of the Independence Day holiday.
- c) MAINTENANCE: Each Councilmember was given a copy of the Maintenance Activity report.
- d) CITY ADMINISTRATOR: The City Administrator stated City staff went to the new Cotton O'Neil Clinic, and toured the facility.

The City Administrator stated she spent Friday with Westar reps, Bill Patterson, USD 421 reps talking about the trail and ideas which included a butterfly garden, wetlands, and amphitheatre. They walked the site and it is approximately .68 mile. Trail completion is set for October and the Westar project possibly by spring. Discussion

continued regarding the possibly of disc golf or other ideas to be built inside the loop of the trail, solar lighting and amenities.

Fall Festival is scheduled for the evening of October 5th on the first block of West 7th Street. There will be food, a band, hayrack rides for the kids and other events. The City Administrator stated the American Legion approached her about selling alcohol at the event and she welcomed them to discuss this at a Council.

The City Administrator gave a quick overview of the 4th of July celebrations and the success of the events.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

PATTERSON: Patterson stated the possible roundabout start date is December 2nd with a completion of November 14, 2014.

Patterson stated his son had picked up a magazine regarding franchise startup costs for restaurants, etc. and they were extremely expensive.

SMITH: Smith stated the 4th of July was a great event and he had received a lot of good feedback.

COLE: Cole stated that although swimming pools lose money, he feels it is an important public service.

KNEISLER: Kneisler inquired about the award date for Safe Routes to School. The City Administrator stated July is the deadline.

Kneisler stated the new vending machine looks great and works great.

Kneisler thanked the Maintenance Supervisor and his crew for the great work on the curb on the north side of the new Casey's General Store.

WATSON: None.

MAYOR JONES: None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Watson to adjourn to Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing on the 2014 budget. Patterson seconded the motion, which carried.

Julie Stutzman
City Clerk