

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
October 21, 2019

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Morrison called the meeting to order.

- a) ROLL CALL: City Clerk called roll of the City Council. Mayor Morrison and members Bill Patterson, Doug Harty, Kevin Heit, Darin Schmitt and Katie Shepard (7:10) present.

City Staff present: Pat Walsh, City Attorney; Julie Stutzman, City Clerk; Scott Culley, Public Works; and David Forkenbrock, Patrolman.

Others Present: Daniel Davis, Osage Herald Chronicle; George Stutzman; Rachel Stutzman; Levi Garber; Lynn Atchison; Josh Payne; and Gene Hirt.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- a) Schmitt made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2019 as written. Patterson seconded; motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Bills: Schmitt made the motion to approve the bills as set forth. Heit seconded; motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gene Hirt asked if there had been any progress on hiring a new Chief of Police and the Mayor stated they are still accepting applications and have four at this time.

Mr. Hirt also again discussed the stray cat issue and had contacted Prairie Paws about the program of fixing female cats and releasing them. He also asked Mayor Morrison if he called Prairie Paws to which the Mayor answered he had as well as a call to the local veterinarian. Mayor Morrison also stated the local vet also said there was no significant outbreak of health issues in any cats noted by their office.

5. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL:

- Public Wholesale Water Supply District #12 meeting minutes of September 18, 2019.
- October 2019 Edition of the Kansas Government Journal.
- Thank you card from the Wilson family.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) CLEANING SERVICES: The City Clerk stated she called the references for Nina Green and Corinne Yockey as directed by the Council at the last meeting. She stated they both received very good recommendations and provided them a copy of the bid summary. Harty made the motion to award the bid to Nina Green in the

amount of \$180 - \$200 per month for cleaning services. Shepard seconded; motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) SIDEWALK BRIDGES: The Maintenance Supervisor stated there are a couple of sidewalk foot bridges on West 10<sup>th</sup> and West 8<sup>th</sup> that are in bad disrepair and could be considered a tripping hazard. He stated they are not used and are part of a stretch of sidewalk that is not connected to any other sidewalk in that area. The Maintenance Supervisor stated with the Council's permission he would like to have the city crew remove them. After brief discussion, Council tabled the matter in order to allow time to go look at the sidewalk bridges. The Maintenance Supervisor was also asked to provide pictures for the next meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) POLICE: Council received a copy of the Officer Activity report from October 6 through October 19, 2019.

Patterson asked if it was just city officers at the football games or if county has one attending also. Officer Forkenbrock said it is just city officers. Patterson recommended having county cover if possible due to big crowd expected at Friday night's game.

- b) PUBLIC WORKS: Council received a copy of the Maintenance Activity report from October 7 to October 21, 2019.

Morrison stated in the minutes for PWWSD#12 there is a surface water treatment workshop being held in Osage City and inquired if it would be beneficial to the city employees if someone attended. The Maintenance Supervisor stated that workshop is for entities that produce water which the city does not.

- c) CITY CLERK: The job listing on the Kansas Peace Officer Association website was updated and moved to the top of the list as well as updated on the KPOA Facebook page.

The Veteran Banner Project was a huge success and thanked the city office staff, city maintenance crew as well as everyone involved in the project for making successful. The City Clerk stated the comments and response over the project have been positive and overwhelming. The banner project for Memorial Day has already begun and almost half of the poles for that project have been reserved.

Bond sale was completed today and payments were sent to the State. The City Clerk stated she has some other issuance costs that need to be paid and will be once received.

The utility clerk has been signed up for institute and room reserved. She will be gone the week of November 11 - 15.

Council was given a community survey from the Kansas Department of Commerce to complete and asked if 2-3 members could fill it out.

9. COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Patterson asked if Lyndon properties on the list for the Sheriff's sale were sold. The City Attorney stated that all of the properties listed did in fact sell.

Patterson stated at the school they are having students take OSHA 10 certification and asked any of the city employees were certified, which no one is. He will provide the City Clerk with the contact information for the course.

Shepard met a woman taking pictures of the Veteran banners and after speaking with her found out she was from out of town and taking pictures of the so her town would hopefully do the same thing.

Mayor Morrison thanked the people involved in the banner project and hopes to see more of those type of things being done in the community.

Mayor Morrison stated the tasks that typically are done through the year by maintenance are well under way, will be wrapped up and thanked the Maintenance Supervisor for his time and effort in completing these. He also thanked Officer Forkenbrock for working many hours as the Council is continuing to work on a permanent solution in filling the Chief of Police position.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:31 p.m. Patterson made the motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with the City Attorney and Officer Forkenbrock attending. Harty seconded; motion carried. At 7:41 p.m. Council reconvened with no binding action taken.

At 7:42 p.m., Patterson made the motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for attorney-client privilege with the City Attorney. Harty seconded; motion carried. At 7:52 p.m. Council reconvened with the consensus to make the addition of the salary range of \$38,000 to \$40,000 per year depending on qualifications to the Chief of Police position advertisement.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Schmitt made the motion to adjourn to Monday, November 4, 2019 for at 7:00 p.m. for regular meeting. Shepard seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stutzman, CMC  
Julie Stutzman, CMC City Clerk

Approved by the governing body on November 4, 2019

Attest: Julie Stutzman, CMC  
Julie Stutzman, CMC City Clerk

