

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
January 21, 2020

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2020, 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 Lynn Atchison, Doug Harty, Kevin Heit, and Darin Schmitt. Katie Shepard absent with notification.

City Staff present: Julie Stutzman, City Clerk; Scott Culley, Public Works; Law Enforcement Supervisor Darrel Manning and Officer David Forkenbrock.

Others Present: Wayne Rathbun, Ottawa Sanitation; Lisa Slonaker, Carla Sloop, Harold Bare, and Gene Hirt.

- b) OATH OF OFFICE: Re-elected Mayor Steve Morrison and member Doug Harty as well as new-elected Lynn Atchison were given their oaths of office by City Clerk Julie Stutzman.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- a) Harty made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2020 as amended. Schmitt seconded; motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gene Hirt voiced his concerns about the cracking of the concrete patch in front of the jail between 7th and 8th on Ash. Mr. Hirt also asked about filling the Chief of Police position.

Harold Bare voiced his complaint in regards to the property at 514 W 9th Street as far as the resident living in his camper, garbage in the yard, and untagged vehicles/camper. He asked what the city is doing to make the resident correct these issues. The Mayor and City Clerk told Mr. Bare the process in which these properties are taken care of and once cited they are handled through Municipal Court. Other venues that have been taken are to contact the Health Department for inspection. Mr. Bare also spoke about his concerns regarding the health of the dogs the property owner has.

5. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL: None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) TRASH SERVICE CHANGES – WAYNE RATHBUN – OTTAWA SANITATION:
Mr. Rathbun presented to Council to speak about changes in the charges for polycarts and the process of putting stickers on extra bags outside the trash can which takes effect February 1, 2020. He spoke about the changes and why those changes were made. After speaking with the Council, he answered questions from council members as well as residents. He also provided a sample of the stickers that will be available for purchase in lieu of a cart if residents wish. (The only changes for trash service per the current contract are the increase of the extra poly cart fee to \$6.00 each and the 1.50 charge per extra bag outside of polycart marked with a sticker for pickup.) Schmitt asked about the weight of the extra bags if put out for pickup and Mr. Rathbun stated no more than 35 pounds so that it can be lifted into the truck.

- b) MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LYNDON RECREATION COMMISSION: Harty made the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the amended Memo of Understanding with the Rec Commission in regards to cost share in replacement of the ballfield lighting at Jones Park. The cost to replace the lighting is \$349,000 from \$359,000 due to the change in the lighting system. Heit seconded; motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) APPOINTMENT OF FLINT HILLS ADVISORY BOARD: The City Clerk stated the current representative on the board no longer wants to serve and the County Clerk notified her that Keith Thompson from Osage City is willing to take that vacant position. The City has to appoint someone to serve on the board due to being the county seat. Mayor Morrison asked for a vote from Council to approve his appointment of Mr. Thompson to the board. Schmitt made the motion to approve the appointment of Keith Thompson to the advisory board. Atchison seconded; motion carried.

Carla Sloop was asked if she was in attendance to give a Pride update and she stated she was not. She asked to be put on the agenda for some properties in Lyndon and with a proposal for cleaning up of those unsafe properties. Ms. Sloop will be added to public comment for the February 3 meeting.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) POLICE: Council received a copy of the Officer's report from January 6 to January 21, 2020.

Harty stated Casey's now require pre-pay so that should help reduce the number of gas drive offs.

- b) PUBLIC WORKS: Working on putting together which fire hydrants will be replaced this year according to what was budgeted for the annual replacement of fire hydrants at three per year.

Met with Mayor Morrison, BRB Contractors, BG Consultants in regards to the punch list at the headworks plant.

Replaced boards on picnic tables and painted them so they are ready for summer.

State burn site permit was mailed for approval.

County burn permit was filed with the fire department.

Repair of the truck seats in both of the city's white utility trucks as they were in poor condition.

Mayor Morrison asked if the backhoe is repaired and working right. The Maintenance Supervisor stated he is still working on it, but still working on a couple of leaking valves on the outrigger.

Heit asked if the site inspections of the lagoons were done on the previous Friday and the Maintenance Supervisor stated they had not. Heit asked if it has been rescheduled and it was noted a date has not been set for inspection as of this date. Wade Keitel attended the progress meeting and the wet area at the lagoon site was briefly discussed and is still being researched. KDHE is discussing the option of possibly having the water tested to ensure it is ground water and not seepage.

- c) CITY CLERK: Conference call on Thursday with Mayor and Beth Warren with Ranson Financial in regards to rate analysis.

City Treasurer will hopefully be taking a grant writing class in February or March.

Registered for court clerk training for March 5th and 6th in Wichita.

Scheduled to meet with auditor on Thursday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 28 to begin the 2019 audit and complete the year-end statement.

CDBG project close out hearing will be held at the February 3, 2020 council meeting.

Final CDBG monitoring went well and any deficiencies have been resolved. City Clerk will work with Garrett and Brett with G.A.S. to prepare the final draw of funds.

Computer towers for the Police and Utility Clerk has been ordered and waiting for delivery and installation.

9. COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Morrison, Harty, Heit, and Schmitt welcomed Atchison to the council.

Mayor Morrison also briefly discussed the progress meeting regarding the sewer project and stated deadlines have been set to wrap up the headworks punch list part of the project and a push to get moving on the Jackson Street phase.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Schmitt made the motion to adjourn to Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for regular meeting. Atchison seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stutzman, CMC

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City Clerk

Approved by the governing body on February 3, 2020

Attest:

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