

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF LINN VALLEY, KANSAS**

**June 10, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

Mayor Lewis Donelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Council Members present: Richard Gravelle, Robert Suppenbach, Michael Hemphill, John Weers, and Dan Donham. Also present were City Attorney James Brun and Public Safety Director Corey Murrison.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Suppenbach made the motion to approve the May 13, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried 5-0.

**CLERK REPORT**

City Clerk Cyr reported the General Fund income was \$46,215.42 and Expenses were \$141,695.54. The vouchers totaled \$141,695.54. Councilman Hemphill made the motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$141,695.54. The motion was seconded by Councilman Suppenbach and carried 5-0.

**SEWER REPORT**

The council reviewed sewer reports from April and May.

**CODES DEPARTMENT**

**A. NUISANCE REPORT**

Codes inspector German presented his report for nuisance codes.

**B. BUILDING CODES**

Codes Inspector German reported 96 permits have been submitted, 90 approved and 77 are open.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

The Public Safety Director presented his report to the Council.

**McLINEY AND COMPANY-JOEY McLINEY**

Mr. McLiney explained funding options for the new City Hall.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**A. HURT ZONING**

Councilman Hemphill made the motion to accept Ordinance No 256, rezoning Mr. Hurt's lot from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Residential. The motion was seconded by Council Suppenbach and carried 5-0.

**B. LAGOON ZONING**

Councilman Suppenbach made to the motion to rezone the land purchased for the Lagoon from A-1 Agricultural to I-1 Light Industrial. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and carried 5-0.

**C. SEPCIAL USE PERMIT**

Councilman Weers made the motion to approve Ordinance 258. Councilman Donham seconded motion and carried 5-0.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **A. BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Donelson chose to Veto this proposed ordinance that would repeal ordinance 244. Ordinance will be Vetoed, and the permitting requirements will revert to Ordinance 224. Each council member voted Nay except for Councilman Hemphill. The revised Ordinance will be presented at the June 10, 2024, meeting.

### **B. COUNCIL SWEAR IN DATE**

Ordinance failed due to lack of motion.

### **C. MAYOR TERM**

Ordinance failed due to lack of motion.

### **D. ATV LANGUAGE**

Councilman Suppenbach made the motion adopt Ordinance 259 and repealing Ordinance 250. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried 5-0.

### **E. COURT CLERK-COURT PAY**

Mayor Lew Donelson requested a 10-minute Executive Session for personnel discussion. Councilman Suppenbach made the motion to move into Executive Session for personnel discussion to return at 19:46. Councilman Hemphill seconded the motion and carried 5-0. The council members moved into executive session at 7:36pm.

The meeting was called back into order at 7:46pm with no action taken.

Currently the court clerk is compensated \$50.00 for court. The new ordinance will be updated to pay the court clerk for six hours, at regular pay rate per court session.

Councilman Weers made the motion to raise the court clerk pay from \$16.20 to \$18.20 effective June 15<sup>th</sup> paycheck. The motion was seconded by councilman Suppenbach and carried 5-0.

## **DOGS AT LARGE DISCUSSION**

City Attorney Brun stated that the current fines for dogs at large does not seem to deter people from letting their dogs run at large. He would like to see an increase in each occurrence. Mayor Donelson directed him to work with City Clerk Cyr on a new ordinance draft to adjust the fines and present it at next council meeting.

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

### **A. WATER PROJECT**

Mayor Donelson requested a 15-minutes executive session regarding legal and contractual discussion for the water project. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to move into executive session to return at 8:20pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and carried 5-0. The members moved into executive session at 8:05pm.

The meeting was called back into order at 8:20pm with no action taken.

## **B. WASTEWATER PROJECT**

Councilman Donham reported he was talked to Wesley and the drawings should be completed within two weeks and submitted to KDHE. Mayor Donelson requested that updates be submitted in writing.

## **C. NEW CITY HALL**

The location has been narrowed down to two locations, in front of the Lagoons or next to the Fire Station. Funding for the new City Hall is being researched.

## **D. ROOF REPLACEMENT-ANNEX BUILDING**

The Building Inspector got four bids to replace the roof on the annex building.

City Attorney Brun requested a five-minute executive session for legal discussion. Mayor Donelson requested a motion for a motion. Councilman Suppenbach made a motion to move into executive session to return at 9:05pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weers and carried 5-0. The members moved into executive session at 9:00pm.

The meeting was called back into order at 9:05pm with no action taken.

It was determined that the building needed more work than just a roof. Steve will be having the contractors resubmit bids with the additional needs.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **A. CITY OF LINN VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Council and POA would like to form a four-person committee to keep communication open between the entities. Councilman Hemphill and Councilman Gravelle volunteered to be on the committee.

### **B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee has not been formally formed at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Donelson proposed putting a gate on the road leading to the lagoons due to a recent trespasser. It was proposed to wait until the lagoons are completed as there is the potential of the road being widened.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Hemphill made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilman Suppenbach seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Submitted by:  
Mendi Cyr  
City Clerk