

Town Hall Meeting

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**Saturday, March 3, 2007, 9:00a.m.
Lyndon Community Center, 204 Topeka Ave.**

Recent Benefits to the community

➤ **New water tower and water lines**

\$1.5 Million of which \$400,000 was paid by grant money.

➤ **New wastewater facility**

\$836,000 of which required by EPA.

➤ **Improvements to Jones Park**

*Cooperative effort by the Jones Foundation, USD #421
Recreation Commission, USD #421 and City.*

Recent Benefits to the Community

- **New playground equipment at City Park**
Donated by Lyndon Pride
- **New carpet for community center**
- **Street improvements**
Asphalt instead of chip and seal
- **Web site: lyndonks.com**

What's being planned for the rest of 2007?

- Hiring a City Administrator
- Explore business climate of similar cities
- Downtown Business Revitalization Plan
- Finish water improvements
- Reapply for sewer improvement grant
- Possible annexation of land
- More town hall meetings

City Administrator

- **Application process all ready started**
- **Responsibilities**
 - *Managing all city departments and overseeing the finances, personnel, and short and long-range planning of the City.*
 - *Develops and implements policies and recommendations for the City.*

City Administrator

➤ **Responsibilities Continued**

- *Writes grants; responsible for economic development and local promotion*
- *Performs public relations for the City*
- *Administers City affairs*

Downtown Business Climate

- The City encourages any business to relocate to Lyndon. We have not turned down any business from moving to Lyndon.
- We want to explore similar sized communities and see what positive things they are doing to attract businesses.
- We can not give any money to businesses. We can offer some incentives and we are looking at some. One of which is the Downtown Revitalization Program.

Downtown Revitalization Program

Purpose of Program

- To allow businesses to make application for a property tax rebate, after making improvements; the property tax would not increase for a certain number of years.
- This week we were informed that our initial plan was turned down because it included more then the downtown area.
- We will be resubmitting ASAP

Downtown Revitalization Program

Next steps:

- Wait to hear back from Dept. of Commerce on second application.
- In the meantime, we will be approaching the school district and county to get them on board, so that tax break would included all taxes and not just city taxes.
- Aggressively promote the program to downtown business/land owners .

Finish Water Improvements

- Clean up construction areas as well as restore yards, streets, sidewalks, driveways, etc.... Get everything back to its original condition.
- Get the water tower up and going. This includes disinfected, filled, and tested before being put on line. In addition, add telemetry (radio controls).

Sewer Improvements Grant

- In October 2006 we again applied for a sewer line replacement grant. It was not funded by the KS Dept. of Commerce.
- Our grant writer advised us that there were points deducted because we had sought an extension on our original water improvement grant.

Land Annexation

- Some land owners/builders have contacted the city about annexation of land and extensions of water and sewer mains.
- Each project will be evaluated to determine the *cost for water and sewer lines and see to be extended to the property edge.*
 - *Factors would include the number of homes to be built; or if a business, how many employees would be hired and scope of business.*

Additional Issues

- Feral cat population
- City Elections – Tuesday, April 3, 2007
 - Renewal of 1% Citywide sales tax
 - Two council positions and mayor

Citizen's Questions

- *Please state your name and address the question to the council.*
- *This presentation and all questions and answers will be placed on the city web site.*