

**CITY OF LYNDON
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Council members, Vicki Stanley and Amy Stuber were absent. Guests were also present.

Mayor Hagan welcomed everyone and congratulated the council members elected to serve. He spoke about the recent snowstorm and the several contractors who stepped in to help him plow streets. The total cost for the contracted work is \$21,000. Mayor mentioned the city will need another snowplow to avoid issues if the one gets destroyed or breaks down. He announced Lyndon has hired a new employee, Richard Stilger, to the maintenance team. Mr. Stilger has worked with the city in the past through another contractor.

Mayor informed council Richard Paulmann will present audit next Monday, January 27, 2025. The draft has been emailed to all the council members and packets will be delivered to them next week.

Regarding city business for next council meeting, Mayor Hagan mentioned an ordinance for council to consider that will be on agenda for a first reading regarding a franchise agreement with Lumos Fiber, an internet/telecom provider. They are looking to obtain franchise agreements from all the small cities in Jefferson County. He gave a few details. City Attorney, John Singler added this ordinance will mirror what Metro has approved in order to piggy-back on their bidding process but Lyndon will have a franchise so we can charge the company 5%. This agreement also allows Lyndon to maintain independent authority with encroachment permitting and businesses must issue a bond for the project work. Mr. Singler gave more details about the process and answered questions from council. The Mayor stated a representative from Lumos will be presenting at the JCLC meeting at Lyndon City Hall on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 7:00pm. More discussion was held.

Councilmember, Susan Barto asked about 2 checks on check registry that didn't match. Mayor explained the office mailed a check out to Technology Plus. It was stolen from the mail and was washed to reflect a new payee. The City recovered the amount and a second check was written but on the check registry there was a typo on one of the names. He informed council there was another fraud situation with an email that requested a council members bank account information to be changed. That payment was also recovered.

Council member, Becky Ricketts asked Mayor Hagan if he received a quote from the audio/visual representative he reached out to for assembly hall meetings. He did not hear back from them and she stated she did not have a quote from the company she reached out to either. The Mayor explained Jeffersontown spent \$35,000 on their audio and visual equipment which included 10 cameras that are motion activated. Discussion was held about audio being more cost effective.

Ms. Ricketts inquired about final cost of Ormsby Lane road improvement project. Mayor stated without doing the math the first phase about \$740,000. Mayor mentioned City needs to save and budget for second phase going to New LaGrange Rd. future. Discussion held. Ms. Ricketts also asked what changes reflect on costs of the police headquarters project. Mayor informed her the changes in the elevator shaft to chair lift lowered cost but there were a few other change orders which puts costs within budget. There was discussion about furnishings. Mayor explained Jeffersontown offered the office desks and chairs they will surplus but there is a lot of damaged items. He mentioned buying new in bulk will provide a discount. Mayor said he hopes to have more information in February for council to look over. The headquarters had a setback from weather but is scheduled to have ribbon cutting in May. He hopes to have council back to look at progress in a few weeks.

Council member, Jenny Benner, requested Lyndon enact ordinance to not have public meetings on federal holidays. Discussion was held. Mayor though it may benefit those who work but the council can certainly do so if they choose. Ms. Benner also suggested if there can be an "old business" section on the agenda for updates to topics that have already been discussed. Mayor said it can be added.

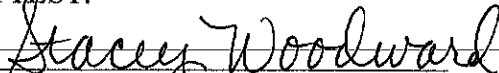
Ms. Ricketts asked if it's possible for council to table the approval of the audit if needed as long as it is submitted by March 1st. Mayor told her they could if necessary. Ed Haines, resident of Autumn Ridge, thanked the Mayor for a great job with plowing streets during snow storm. Further conversation, not affiliated with Lyndon business, was held.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk