

**CITY OF LYNDON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those council members present: Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Jenny Benner and Becky Ricketts were absent. Several of Lyndon's Police staff and many guests were also present.

Mayor Hagan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the Special Meeting May 19, 2025. Councilmember Amy Stuber asked for changes to be made and began listing those changes, but she stated she had not finished reading through those because she just received them. Ultimately Ms. Stuber made motion, seconded by Vicki Stanley to table the Special Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2025. Motion carried with 3 "ayes" and 2 "nays". A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Susan Barto to table the minutes of Special Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025. Motion carried with 3 "ayes" and 2 "nays". A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Vicki Stanley to table the minutes of the June 16, 2025 Caucus Meeting. Motion carried with 3 "ayes" and 2 "nays".

The City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser, read the June 23, 2025 Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$2,854,199.68. Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Ms. Stanley reported she would like to hold another Ad Hoc Committee meeting within the next two weeks. She spoke with the members, and they expressed interest in having Mayor Hagan and the City Treasurer attend. Once everyone checks their schedules and agrees on a date/time, she will send out the meeting details.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder informed council they have a copy of the May police report. He focused on two significant incidents that recently occurred. He spoke about the response to an explosion at Springhill Suites where man was charged with 43 counts of wanton endangerment and 1 count of using device of mass destruction that caused a fire. The Chief commended Officer Yeng Xiong for his courageous decision to enter the area despite being unaware of potential additional explosives, later discovering two more suspected devices. Officer Xiong put out the fire and helped department alert others in the building. Chief Schroeder also spoke about a housefire in Meadowvale that resulted in off-duty officer saving two people and their animals.

**ORDINANCE #4-28-25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance** - John Singler gave a second reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Amy Stuber to approve Ordinance 4-28-25. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and Jim Yates. No one voted "nay". Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #5-19-25A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Repealing City Ordinance 95.17- Pertaining to Fire Arms** - John Singler give a second reading of the ordinance. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve Ordinance #5-19-25A. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and Jim Yates. No one voted "nay". Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #6-23-25- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Amending 2024-2025 Budget-** The Mayor explained the need for an amendment to account for increased occupational tax revenues and fluctuations in several appropriation line items, resulting in expenditures coming in \$728,915 under the projected budget. Councilmember Susan Barto made a motion to introduce Ordinance #6-23-25 for a first reading. Before going further, Councilmember Stuber read a statement she wrote stating she believes there is concern for 3 consecutive years of unapproved spending of the police budget. She quoted statute 36.02 regarding police shall not spend more of city budget without council approval. Ms. Stuber feels there is disregard of this law by Chief of Police and Mayor Hagan and expressed her need for a Safety Director to oversee spending, staffing and future planning of Police Department. Mayor Hagan stated that the city has not yet exceeded the 2024–2025 budget, but without an amendment, expenditures are projected to surpass that line item of the budget. He also stated budgets are fluid and should be able to be amended as in past administrations and is not opposed of hiring Safety Director, the city just needs more time to research. Ms. Stuber stated it is responsible to let the council know ahead of time if an amendment is necessary. Mayor Hagan let her know the concept for an amendment was brought to them in April. She reiterated that, as the executive authority responsible for overseeing the budget, he should be the one to recommend the amendment. With a motion on the floor made by Ms. Barto to introduce the ordinance, a second was made by Councilmember Mardy Sidebottom. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Vicki Stanley requested clarification from Councilmember Stuber on which line item she was referencing as exceeding the budget. Councilmember Stuber responded that it was Public Safety.

**ORDINANCE #6-23-25A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Budget- Fiscal Yr. 2025-2026 –** Councilmembers Stanley and Stuber identified key issues regarding a few numbers on worksheet that do not reflect on changes made at the last Special Meeting including a duplicate entry in the insurance and an overstatement in payroll tax. Discussion was held and alternations were made. A motion was made by Councilmember Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Jim Yates to introduce and have 1<sup>st</sup> Reading on Ordinance #6-23-25. Motion carried with 4 “ayes” and 1 “nay”. John Singler gave a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading by summary. There was further discussion and clarification.

**ORDINANCE #6-23-25B – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Case 25-ZONE-0017- Zoning Change from R-5 to OR-1 at 8210 and 8212 Whipps Mill Rd. –** Mr. Singler provided an overview of the proposed zoning change and distributed informational materials outlining the criteria councils should use when evaluating such decisions, particularly for the benefit of newer members who may be unfamiliar with the process. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Susan Barto for introduction and first reading by summary of Ordinance #6-23-25B. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler noted that the City Council has a 90-day window from the date of the Planning Commission's recommendation to make a decision.

The Planning Commission sent 3 additional cases (Louisville Loop Master Plan for Plan 2040, LDC Amendments for R-5A and R-5B Transitional Housing and also for Homeless and Crisis Shelters) which Mr. Singler discussed in great detail and handed out general information regarding approving LDC amendments. Discussion was held. Mayor Hagan asked council to review these proposals and those will be discussed in future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor announced the next Caucus Meeting will be July 21, 2025 and Council Meeting is July 28, 2025, at 6:00pm. He also announced a new business, Mahjong Studio. The owner has invited the council to their grand opening Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Councilmember Vicki Stanley informed council they have been invited to visit the Metro recycling facility where the material from places such as the Whipps Mill site is processed. She will pass along information to council.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Calvin Shaak inquired about the Ethics Committee members official appointment. Mr. Singler confirmed their approval, as documented in the minutes of that meeting. Mr. Shaak will be reaching out to those members soon to arrange a time for the committee to have a first meeting.

Christopher Cook, visitor of Lyndon, residing on Rudy Lane, informed council and audience his submission of his FOIA request regarding text messages and emails from Jim Yates referring to several council members as the “Angry 5” and comments he had made. During the discussion, Mayor Hagan pointed out that Mr. Cook might have misunderstood part of the exchange, stating that Mr. Yates was sharing a post from social media, but will let him speak for himself. Mr. Cook also made comments about how the city should spend their money and thanked council for repealing the firearm ordinance because he likes to clean his guns in city parks. He supported the council members who were detailed in the budget process.

Larry Owens, a property owner in Autumn Ridge, requested further clarification from the Mayor and Council regarding the city's police service contracts with neighboring cities. Mr. Owens expressed concern that, based on his understanding that approximately 50% of police hours are spent serving other cities, those municipalities should be contributing half the cost of maintaining the department. Mayor Hagan responded by noting that not all contracts are for full-time service and that the needs of those cities vary from those of Lyndon. Councilmember Vicki Stanley acknowledged Mr. Owens's inquiry and indicated that she had encouraged him to review the actual service hours allocated to other jurisdictions. She also asked him to consider whether the current staffing levels would be necessary if those contracts did not exist—implying that the revenue generated helps offset the cost of maintaining adequate staffing for Lyndon itself. Further discussion followed. Chief Schroeder weighed in, stating that in his opinion, eliminating those service agreements—and the revenue they generate—would be foolish, particularly while a city committee is actively exploring new revenue sources. He also clarified that the claim of 50% of police time being devoted to outside cities is inaccurate and provided an explanation.

Chief Schroeder reiterated previous comments emphasizing the importance of maintaining adequate staffing levels based on the officer-to-population ratio and operational realities, such as how a single incident can occupy the majority of staff on that particular shift. He stressed that the department does not serve all municipalities equally; rather, cities are billed based on the actual hours of service provided, which helps cover departmental expenses. Additionally, Mr. Owens had earlier advised the Council to exercise caution in allocating funds from the Opioid Settlement, citing the potential for misuse. Mayor Hagan acknowledged his request and mentioned why the funds were not yet allocated for expenditures.

Mayor Brian Sutton of Briarwood, a municipality that contracts with the Lyndon Police Department, commended the quality of service his city receives. He voiced concerns about the reliability of response times from Louisville Metro Police and emphasized that eliminating contracts with neighboring cities could lead to a significant increase in crime surrounding Lyndon. Councilmember Vicki Stanley inquired whether Briarwood collects an occupational tax

from local businesses. Mayor Sutton noted that the option had been considered but explained that all businesses in Briarwood are home-based and not open to the public. He concluded by urging the Council to consider the importance of public safety when developing the city's budget.

Ric Gillespie, Lyndon property owner, informed council there are 3 cameras at the recycling center on Whipps Mill to deter illegal dumping. He also commented on the Transitional Housing LDC amendment discussed earlier in meeting and asked council to be careful when considering that amendment and gave examples of how it affected another municipality. Mr. Gillespie also expressed his interest in the Safety Director's position, highlighting his experience in police duty in the Air Force and is familiar with police budgets.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion from Amy Stuber, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom was made to adjourn meeting at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Stacey Woodward, City Clerk