

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: ____ Susan Barto ____ Jenny Benner ____ Becky Ricketts ____ Mardy Sidebottom ____ Vicki Stanley ____ Amy Stuber ____ Jim Yates ____ City Attorney, John Singler

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 25, 2025 Council Meeting
 September 15, 2025 Caucus Meeting

5. TREASURERS REPORT

6. POLICE REPORT

7. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Municipal Order 9-22-25- Safety Director
- b. Municipal Order 9-22-25A- Police Budget Resolution

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Caucus Meeting – October 20, 2025- 6:00pm
 Council Meeting – October 27, 2025- 6:00pm

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. OPEN FLOOR

12. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LYNDON
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Mayor Brent Hagan called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those council members present: Jenny Benner, Susan Barto, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Many guests were also present.

Councilmember Amy Stuber made a motion to table the August 25, 2025 Council minutes, seconded Jenny Benner, after a discussion regarding edits that were sent late to City Clerk. Motion carried with 6 “ayes”, 1 “nay”. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Susan Barto, to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025 Caucus Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser, read the September 1, 2025 Treasurer’s Report with ending balance of \$4,016,657.62 Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit. Councilmember Benner asked question regarding overage of Police Headquarters and Mayor Hagan answered her question. Councilmember Stuber asked questions regarding payments left from last fiscal year and change orders to the headquarters. Mayor Hagan explained those details. Discussion was held about budget amendments. Ms. Stuber asked this item of discussion to be listed under “Unfinished/Old Business” for next month.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder summarized the August police report and gave details on recent activity. He recognized Deputy Chief Chris Thomas and Sergeant Becky Franklin for completing the FBI’s LEEDA Command Leadership Institute training. The Chief also recognized Sergeant Greg Lettie for servant leadership, Officer Brooks for his efforts in capturing the suspect of a robbery, kidnapping and stabbing. Chief Schroeder also announced Officer Chase Franklin, Officer Kenneth Jones, Officer Bryan Reynolds, Detective Mark Wampler, and Detective Michael Thompson were awarded the Lyndon Police Department’s Meritorious Service Award for their actions in rescuing a victim being held against her will and ensuring the safety of a child. Councilmembers asked Chief about other incidents and there was discussion.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #9-22-25- Safety Director – Code of Ordinance Code 36.05 - Mayor Hagan read Municipal Order #9-22-25 nominating George Stewart for the Safety Director position. A motion was made by Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Jim Yates to approve Municipal Order #9-22-25. Motion did not carry with 2 “ayes” and 5 “nays”. Councilmember Becky Ricketts emphasized following the agreed job posting process and Councilmember Stuber added the need to develop a clear framework to hire the best candidate. Mayor Hagan agreed.

Councilmember Yates invited Mr. Stewart to present his qualifications. Mr. Stewart introduced himself and outlined his professional credentials. He answered questions from councilmembers.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #9-22-25A- Police Budget Resolution- Mayor Hagan asked Councilmember Amy Stuber to read the municipal order she had proposed, which aimed to clarify the council’s support for the Lyndon Police Department and publish the statement in the city newsletter with signatures from the Mayor and Councilmembers. Mayor Hagan then

presented a revised version, suggesting the council carefully consider a budget amendment to better support the department. After distributing copies and holding discussion, Ms. Stuber asked for a show of hands to confirm whether councilmembers believed they had approved raises in the budget. With the majority affirming, she apologized to the department stating the raises were approved by the council. Mayor Hagan added he plans to request additional funding to keep salaries competitive but is not prepared to sign the original version of the order.

Councilmember Stanley moved to table the municipal order, citing the need for additional time to thoroughly review the proposed provisions. Motion was seconded by Mardy Sidebottom. Motion did not carry with 2 “ayes” and 5 “nays”. A motion was made by Jenny Benner to approve the original proposed Municipal Order #9-22-25A, seconded by Becky Ricketts. Motion carried with 5 “ayes”, 2 “nays”. Councilmember Yates later clarified that he had misunderstood the first vote and wanted to change his vote.

Mayor Hagan asked City Attorney, John Singler, for guidance if he doesn’t agree to sign the order. Mr. Singler stated the Municipal Order passed but the council doesn’t control what is published in the newsletter. More discussion held.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #9-22-25B- Video Recordings- Mayor read Municipal Order #9-22-25B that was brought to council. Discussion was held. Councilmember Amy Stuber questioned edits made to the municipal order she introduced. Mayor Hagan, supported by the City Attorney, explained he removed language directing the city clerk, as it exceeded the council’s authority. Discussion was held. Ms. Stuber agreed to the removal regarding direction of city clerk but requested reinstating a 30-day deadline for posting meeting videos online. A motion was made by Jenny Benner, seconded by Amy Stuber to approve Municipal Order #9-22-25B with changes stated by Ms. Stuber. Motion passed with 6 “ayes” and 1 “nay”. The Mayor advised residents to view meeting videos on the City’s official Facebook page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor announced the next Caucus Meeting will be October 20, 2025 and Council Meeting is October 27, 2025, both at 6:00pm. Fall Festival is Sunday, September 28th from 2-6pm, with Crashers as entertainment. Ms. Ricketts asked if there would be a tree give-away and Mayor replied the festival was earlier this year and trees were not ready to be dug. Further details of festival were given.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councilmember Ricketts inquired of the status of Mr. Wegman’s open records request as mentioned in prior meetings. Mayor Hagan stated he has received all documents pertaining to his request.

FLOOR OPEN TO PUBLIC: Lyndon resident Sharon Morris inquired about the formation of the Ethics Committee. The City Attorney explained it is governed by ordinance, with members recommended by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Morris raised concerns about communication issues related to a current case and suggested a committee member attend all council meetings. The Mayor noted the committee manages its own email process, and the City Attorney acknowledged a member was present that evening and said efforts to improve communication would be made.

Erlene Grise-Owens thanked the majority of the council for providing clear and neutral information about police department funding. She also encouraged the inclusion of more positive topics, such as community events, in meetings. Additionally, she expressed her concern the Mayor solely controls the content of the city newsletter.

Lisa Wegman, Lyndon resident, thanked the Mayor for his due diligence and speedy response in getting all the documents for their open records request.

Larry Owens, a resident of Autumn Ridge, supported the council's request to establish a clear job description for the Safety Director position and agrees to an open application process. He expressed concern that the current ordinance is vague and recommended that the role's language reflect that of an ombudsperson. He stated he would volunteer to help with that process.

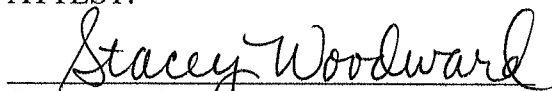
Chief Schroeder introduced Major Brian Tucker who approached Ms. Stuber and gave her details to an incident she mentioned earlier in discussion regarding the home of a LMPD officer on Pershing Ave.

Chris Cook, a visitor to Lyndon, clarified he was not involved in the video resolution and offered to record meetings without compensation. He also shared his opinion that increasing police department funding does not necessarily reduce crime, citing Supreme Court cases to support his view that crime rates tend to rise regardless of level of funding. He also mentioned other incidents that caused public reaction and argument ensued. Point of order was called. Ms. Grise-Owens suggests that rules of decorum be upheld in future meetings. In response, the Mayor said he would begin bringing a gavel to help maintain order.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion from Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Becky Ricketts was made to adjourn meeting at 7:03 p.m.


Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Woodward, City Clerk