

**AGENDA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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:**    March 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes  
   April 21, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes  
   April 21, 2025 Caucus Meeting Minutes

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**6. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

- a. Approval of Minutes

**7. POLICE REPORT**

**8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion of Ethics Ordinance
- b. Discussion of Safety Director- Police

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Ordinance 4-28-25- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Tax Ordinance 2024-2025
- b. Ordinance 4-28-25A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading -- Employee Authority in Matters of Immigration

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**    Council Meeting – May 19, 2025- 6:00pm

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. OPEN FLOOR**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF LYNDON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Several of Lyndon's Police staff and many guests were also present.

A motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Susan Barto to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 Caucus Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser, read the April 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$2,380,267.73. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Ms. Stanley gave a brief update on Ad Hoc Committee and reported they prepared to set a second date next week. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Jim Yates to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder gave a summary of the March police reports and discussion was held.

Mayor Hagan referenced an ordinance that was brought up last week to appoint members to the Ethics Commission. There were three names mentioned at the Caucus and those people were present at the meeting. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Becky Ricketts to appoint Malik Diallo, Mera Corlett and Tom Solley to the Ethics Commission. Mr. Solley asked for more information and the Mayor and City Attorney John Singler explained to those appointed what to expect. Calvin Shaak volunteered to be an alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hagan introduced discussion of the Police ordinance regarding a Safety Director that was also mentioned at the Caucus. A gentleman, Doug Spellman, introduced himself and expressed his interest in the position. Mayor Hagan stated there would be no appointment this evening due to review and contract discussions with Mr. Spellman if this position is to be filled. The Mayor outlined Police Chief, Rob Schroeder's qualifications and is confident in his ability to carry out his duties without a Safety Director. Ms. Stanley asked for the definition of a Safety Director and Ms. Stuber read section 36.05 of the Codified Ordinances. Mayor thanked Mr. Spellman for his interest.

**ORDINANCE #4-28-25 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance** - A motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Amy Stuber to have City Attorney, John Singler give a first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Singler passed out a tax calculation sheet to show the comparisons of assessments to tax rate for upcoming year. Discussion was held. Ms. Stuber asked if the council can approve to lower the tax rate and Mr. Singler confirmed they could. Discussion was held. A motion was made to introduce Ordinance 4-28-25 by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Becky Ricketts.

Motion carried unanimously. More discussion on lowering tax rate was held. The Mayor mentioned lowering the tax would not benefit the efforts to find ways to increase revenue. Ms. Stanley agreed with Mayor Hagan.

**ORDINANCE #4-28-25A – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Employee Authority in Matter of Immigration-**

Mayor Hagan made a statement about what has happened on social media in light of this ordinance being introduced. He made it known the Facebook post is not affiliated with the City of Lyndon and the hate and slander that it resulted in was not provoked by him although he was blamed by a council member for the reactions. He stated that this ordinance does not actually say “Sanctuary City” rather a policy associated with one and summarized the purpose. He allowed Councilmembers and the Police Chief to make comments before opening up for public comments on the issue.

Councilmember, Vicki Stanley explained this ordinance is not establishing Lyndon as a “Sanctuary City” it protects Lyndon’s Police Department from taking orders from ICE. She stated it does not hinder the police from carrying out their duties and it protects them and the citizens of the City.

Councilmember, Jenny Benner read a statement. She had inquired at the last meeting to revisit this ordinance ensuring that Lyndon Police does not act as an extension of ICE. Her intention for this ordinance is to build trust with the police department and the diverse community of Lyndon. Ms. Benner spoke about the misinformation and personal attacks on social media and stated it was fueled by leadership. She said her main focus is public safety.

Councilmember, Jim Yates spoke and praised the Lyndon Police Chief and the Department and stated “this ordinance is nothing but a wolf in sheep’s clothing.”

Councilmember Becky Ricketts commended Jenny Benner and Vicki Stanley and stated she is in full support of them.

Lyndon Police Chief, Rob Schroeder who shared his concerns with the ordinance that was also in a letter to Mayor Hagan dated February 20<sup>th</sup>. He feels the introduction of the ordinance alone has damaged the relationship between the department and the community because “it creates an unrealistic idea that the Lyndon Police are out there right now enforcing immigration law and we simply are not, that’s not what we do, that’s not our job” and he also stated “it is also not our job to obstruct or fail to assist anybody including federal officers that need our assistance”. Contrary to what Ms. Stanley stated, the Chief explained how this ordinance would indeed hinder the department from doing their jobs and impede their ability to investigate crimes when it involves immigration concern. He believes the appropriate approach is to remain neutral, as Governor Beshear has suggested, carefully assessing each request on a case-by-case basis. Finally Chief Schroeder stressed that engaging in politics may not be beneficial for the well-being of our small town.

A resident suggested the terminology in the ordinance is confusing and the word “immigrant” should be changed and define the status of immigration as Chief Schroeder indicated. Several residents spoke in favor of the ordinance. Greg Finn said he chooses to decide with people. Jade Boehning supports safety for all people and racially profiling is a concern. She stated if someone is not a criminal they shouldn’t live in fear and supports nurturing and supporting each other.

Robert Meyer says we cannot discriminate and strongly supports ordinance. Malik Diallo stated he is an immigrant and expressed his support in understanding one another and seeks opportunities for immigrants. He loves Lyndon and its diversity and feels it is safe. Ann Towles agreed the terminology should be reviewed and enjoys living in a diverse community.

Those opposing the ordinance: Andrea Selter expressed concerns that protecting undocumented immigrants could lead to increased crime and make Lyndon a target. She believes the ordinance's language is an issue and voiced apprehension about the potential loss of federal funding. Ms. Selter also emphasized her opposition to limiting the authority of the police. Dana Isbell believes the verbiage in the ordinance protects illegal immigrants more than citizens and feels that the intent was to push the ordinance through without proper community awareness. Donna Tucker stated she is against Lyndon every becoming a sanctuary city and also feels like more crime will be present. While she is not against immigration, she emphasized the importance of it being handled properly. Linda Cambron expressed her disappointment upon learning that, based on her understanding, at least three council members may be unwilling to cooperate with federal law. She stressed the argument is talking about criminals not hard-working immigrants and she is also concerned with losing federal funding for the City because the alternative would be to raise residential taxes. Mr. Maupin made it clear that undocumented immigrants are indeed illegal and to tell the police they cannot work with ICE is wrong. Ann Towles agreed that the terminology should be reviewed and supported Mr. Maupin's view that the focus should be on legality of immigrants who are committing crimes, rather than those who contribute to Lyndon's diversity. She asked the council if they are willing to give everyone a free "get out of jail" card.

Councilmember Stanley corrected a statement someone made regarding this ordinance not allowing police to assist federal law enforcement and the department would definitely assist. Many people in the audience disagreed. Ms. Stanley said she agrees with changing the language if necessary and she and Ms. Stuber read more from the ordinance regarding police authorization. Billy Newton, a Lyndon resident, who is not in favor of the ordinance asked for clarification on whether police could identify individuals upon request and was informed that it would only be permissible if officers could articulate a reasonable suspicion of a crime. Ms. Stanley responded to an earlier statement suggesting that the ordinance was being pushed through without public awareness. She emphasized that council meetings are open to the public and newsletters are sent out for public awareness on city business. More discussion was held and Councilmember Yates asked Chief Schroeder if a "Terry Stop" (identify and/or frisk) can be conducted if this ordinance is approved. The Chief answered it would depend on the circumstances if they had reasonable articulable suspicion that a crime was going on and Kentucky police officers can only enforce Kentucky law or City of Lyndon laws and generally cannot enforce federal law unless they federal government allows them to. More discussion was held about resources that was mentioned in the ordinance.

Jenny Benner made a motion, seconded by Becky Ricketts to have a first reading and introduction of Ordinance 4-28-25A. If any changes are made to the ordinance, they will be reflected in the second reading on May 19<sup>th</sup> before any action is taken. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley and Amy Stuber. Council member Jim Yates voted "nay". Motion carried 6 to 1. Mr. Singler gave the first reading by summary of Ordinance 4-28-25A.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor announced the next Council Meeting is May 19, 2025, at 6:00pm. There will be two ordinances up for second reading at this meeting: Tax Ordinance 4-28-25 and Employee Authority in Matters of Immigration 4-28-25A. A first reading of a proposed budget ordinance will be on agenda.

Mr. Singler asked council for more details on re-wording ordinance in writing so he can make changes.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Ms. Stuber asked for clarification of date on the tax calculation sheet. Mayor Hagan stated it should be for 2024-2025.

The Mayor gave brief details of 2025-2026 budget proposal. Ms. Benner asked for budget message from the Mayor. He stated once this proposal is reviewed by council and changes made, he will provide that message. Discussion held on "other income" and Ms. Stuber asked Mayor what he would like to use capital projects for. Mayor Hagan focused on infrastructure to widen, repair roads that were not built to standard and finish sidewalks connections. He also spoke about Robsion Park playground and splashpad improvements. The Mayor feels confident that the police department is near what was projected and the City is in great financial shape. More discussion on police contracts was held. Amy Stuber suggested to charge businesses in the additional cities a flat rate for police services to gain more equity. Mayor asked her to put it in writing so it can be reviewed. Ms. Ricketts reiterated a point made in previous meetings that Lyndon is the only department providing services to other cities. The Mayor stated that if this ever became a concern, he is confident the Chief would inform him.

Resident, Gerald Matherton, spoke about his concern that the council is getting disconnected with the people in Lyndon and asked for more information prior to meetings of what business will be conducted. He voiced his concern about citizens bearing the burden of unpaid fines and bills attributed to undocumented immigrants, and he expressed his opposition to the ordinance.

Earlene Owens thanked council members for their service and supports the immigration ordinance. She feels that basing the oversight of the police budget on whether you support the police is a dangerous position. She also supports the budget money going toward park improvements.

Angel Clemons asked council to consider looking more into immigration ordinance and to be sensitive of families broken apart.

Dan Auter thanked Mayor for information in newsletters and suggested including how each council member voted for the immigration ordinance for reference to make choice in next election.

Peggy Meyer, who has worked in City government over 30 years, stated she is alarmed the city council brings forward an ordinance that is opposed by the Lyndon Chief of Police. She stated she fully supports the Chief and Mayor Hagan and asks the council to not have a second reading and table the ordinance. Ms. Meyer also brought up the proposed development on corner of Whipps Mill and Old Whipps Mill. She stated there is much opposition and suggest the City approach Metro Council and the UofL Foundation for that land to be given to Lyndon as green space. City Attorney, John Singler, informed her the council cannot get involved until the

recommendation is made by the Planning Commission after their approval and the case is sent for the city to review. Ms. Meyer clarified city efforts to reach out about joint effort on the land and not mention the case.

Christopher Cook approached council and is concerned about an existing ordinance that controls firearms. He stated Kentucky law prohibits the city from having an ordinance about carrying guns but it is currently in Lyndon's code. Mayor Hagan stated he received the email Mr. Cook sent about this concern. He informed him the current ordinance was created in 1993 and suggests council should repeal it in May if someone would sponsor it. Ms. Stuber stated she would. Discussion was held.

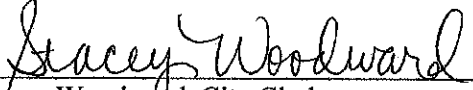
Ms. Ricketts encouraged people to come to more meetings and get involved. Mayor clarified there are usually two meetings a month although the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on Memorial Day so there will only be one meeting in May.

Councilmember Stuber recognized Ric Gillespie's concern last month regarding the dumping of non-recycling items at the recycling center on Whipps Mill. She suggested asking Metro Louisville Council Members to add cameras at each entrance and asked the Mayor if Lyndon could provide more cameras. Mayor stated if she wants the city to pay for those, it is a possibility. Mr. Gillespie recognized it should be a Metro Louisville solution. Discussion was held. Mayor thanked Mr. Gillespie for volunteering to keep area at Holly Springs and Whipps Mill Rd clean and he will contact Metro council about the recycling center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion from Becky Ricketts, seconded by Susan Barto was made to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m.

  
Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Stacey Woodward, City Clerk