

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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: July 28, 2025 Council Meeting
August 18, 2025 Caucus Meeting

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. POLICE REPORT

7. ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance 7-28-25- 2nd Reading – Relating to Budgeting, Adding Section 33.03

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Municipal Order 8-25-25 – Louisville Free Public Library Grant Request for \$16,500

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Caucus Meeting – September 15, 2025- 6:00pm
Council Meeting – September 22, 2025- 6:00pm

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. OPEN FLOOR

13. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LYNDON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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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.

After noting several edits made by council members to both sets of minutes on the agenda for approval, Ms. Stuber made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025 Council Meeting minutes with her edits. Motion was seconded by Vicki Stanley and motion carried with 5 "ayes" and 2 "nays." Councilmember Jenny Benner stated she had a few additional changes to the August 18, 2025 Caucus Meeting before a motion to approve. She read those changes. A motion was made by Jenny Benner, second by Amy Stuber to approve the August 18, 2025 Caucus Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried with 6 "ayes" and 1 "nay".

The City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser, read the August 1, 2025 Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$3,450,432.35 noting an adjustment was made to the beginning balance to reflect a \$61,000 change in posting the Police Salary from 6/30/25 to 7/1/25. Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit. Ms. Stanley inquired about a police line item in capital projects that is overbudget and if the budget needs amending. Mayor explained the reason and City Attorney informed her the budget wouldn't need amending until the entire category exceeds what is budgeted. Ms. Stuber and Ms. Ricketts asked for clarification on variance report and Mayor answered their questions. Ms. Benner asked for final total on Police HQ. Mayor stated the certificate of occupancy should be released this week so there are adjustments to be made before it is finalized. "Ms. Stanley inquired about the city's use of Reach Alert, and the Mayor provided an update, noting that the system will be utilized more moving forward. Ms. Ricketts suggested we use the REACH Alert for announcements similar to what St. Matthews does such as: upcoming community events, road closures, road repairs, changes in garbage/recycle pick up, and leaf pick up. Treasurer Ms. Kaiser informed the council that she and Deputy Chief Chris Thomas had reviewed and identified the discrepancies raised during last month's meeting and proceeded to present their findings. Ms. Ricketts made a not to Council after speaking with Ms. Kaiser, the \$79,083.68 under Police General Insurance is a one-time per year expense.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder summarized the July police report. He recognized two officers: David Arnold for graduating from the Academy of Police Supervising and Noor Jabbari for earning his second "Life Saving" award, and other officers' assistance with a medical need at the park.

Mayor introduced Mera Kathryn Corlett, Chairperson of the Ethics Committee. She announced the formation of the committee in June 2025, outlining its mission and summarizing the progress and how constituents can register a formal complaint. Additionally, she noted that the committee recently received its first ethics complaint and explained that process. As the matter is still pending review, Ms. Corlett could not discuss it at this time. She answered questions from council.

ORDINANCE #7-28-25 – 2nd Reading – Relating to Budgeting, Adding Section 33.03- A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom, to have Mr. Singler give a 2nd reading by summary of Ordinance #7-28-25. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler gave the 2nd reading. A motion was made by Jenny Benner, seconded by Amy Stuber to approve Ordinance #7-28-25. Upon roll call vote, the following votes “aye”: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley and Amy Stuber. Jim Yates voted “nay”. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #8-25-25- Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) Grant Request for \$16,500 Chandra Gorden, Executive Director of LFPL introduced Margaret Phillips and Rachel Smith who spoke about the pilot project “The Chef Is In” modeled by the artist in residency program. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Becky Ricketts to approve Municipal Order #8-25-25. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor announced the next Caucus Meeting will be September 15, 2025 and Council Meeting is September 22, 2025, both at 6:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Hagan responded to an open records request from last week’s Caucus Meeting by Councilmember Susan Barto which raised concerns regarding our compliance with KRS 83A.070. Mayor referenced Chapter 37.01 of Lyndon Codified Ordinances, Personnel Policies and Procedures and passed out copies of that section to council. It states Lyndon’s pay classification for city employees and elected officials is referenced in the *City of Lyndon Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual* updated in 2023 by the Kentucky League which states by adopting a city’s budget, the council approves those salaries. Discussion was held about the ranges and adjustments to those salaries and Mayor also distributed a copy of employee’s salaries.

Mayor Hagan announced the volunteers for the newly formed Parks and Beautification Committee: Vicki Stanley, Earlene Owens, Jade Graham, and Linda Cambron. Ms. Stanley noted that two representatives from the YMCA (Maggie Lyle and Christina Faulkenberg) will participate in the initial meetings to offer input and guidance. Mayor Hagan emphasized that all committee meetings will be publicly noticed and conducted in accordance with open meetings and open records laws. City Attorney, Mr. Singler, clarified that the committee appointments require formal approval by the Council. A motion to approve the nominated members was made by Becky Ricketts and seconded by Mardy Sidebottom. Motion carried unanimously. Further discussion was held.

Councilmember Becky Ricketts inquired about the police protection items still showing under revenue on the variance report when the council approved an ordinance to separate those. City Attorney, Mr. Singler clarified all revenues are under the same budget and it identifies police items separately on the report. Mayor Hagan informed Ms. Ricketts the ordinance states, “all police expenses” and does not reference revenues. Ms. Ricketts inquired about the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) hazardous payment schedule, specifically whether it is issued monthly and if so, she is concerned it might exceed the allocated budget. In response, Ms. Kaiser confirmed that the payment is indeed made on a monthly basis, though the amount may vary from month to month. More discussion was held regarding budget and pension contribution. Ms. Ricketts recommended council look at revenues and expenses in six months.

Councilmember Jenny Benner inquired about the current status of the Safety Director position. Mayor Hagan stated there is no one to be appointed at this time. She requested that the job description be posted online for interested applicants, and he agreed to do so.

Councilmember Amy Stuber raised concerns about the process by which council revisions are handled between the first and second readings of ordinances, citing the recently approved budget amendment as an example. She specifically inquired about the procedure for documenting and marking changes during for readings. Mr. Singler clarified that it is appropriate to show revisions when an ordinance is being formally amended, rather than simply transitioning from first to second reading, quoting the law from the handbook. There was further discussion of the budget amendment and Ms. Stuber polled the Council asking which Councilmembers knew Public Safety went up \$95,000 in the second reading from the first, and Capital Projects went down. No one raised their hand to indicate they knew of the change in Public Safety expenditures. Following that discussion, Councilmember Stuber emphasized the importance of presenting accurate and clearly updated documents. Mr. Singler stated that providing clearer information on ordinance changes between the first and second readings can be done in the future.

Ms. Stuber asked the purpose of the police audit, as was mentioned in the last meeting. Schroeder replied that the KLC does a routine audit to help in setting insurance rate and the department is working on accreditation through the KY Association of Chief of Police and getting their policies updated.

FLOOR OPEN TO PUBLIC: Lyndon resident Dave Wegman requested an update on his open records request from July 8. Mayor Hagan responded that the documents are in the city's possession but require organization due to their volume and assured that Mr. Wegman will receive them soon.

Cres Bride, owner of Joe's Older Than Dirt and R Place Pub, is the President of the Louisville Hospitality Association that represents 70 bars and restaurants. Although the recent association meeting focused on Bardstown Rd. he discussed the violence concerns on businesses in all areas of Louisville. He wants to ensure Lyndon's Police Department is properly funded.

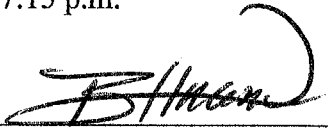
Earlene Grise-Owens thanked the council for their support in approving the library grant and for initiating the Parks and Beautification Committee. She also commended the majority of council members for asking questions that reflect responsibility with city's budget.

Ms. Stanley asked Chief Schroeder whether the city council had approved the police budget as originally proposed by the department. Chief Schroeder confirmed that a budget had been passed. Ms. Stanley stated the police line-item was never changed and that amount was approved. Ms. Stuber added that the council had increased their budget. Mayor Hagan emphasized that the budget did not include the raises that officers deserve. As the conversation continue with multiple voices contributing, Ms. Stanley asserted, "It is your fault and their fault for not asking for more money," and maintained that the reduction in occupational tax had no adverse impact on police funding.

Vicki Resnik, a resident of Lyndon, expressed concern to Ms. Stanley regarding her demeanor.

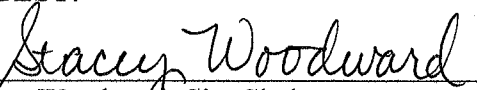
Another audience member inquired about the source of funding for the police department and whether other community projects were disregarded. Ms. Stuber responded by explaining that the occupational tax contributes to the department's budget. She noted that with the Police Headquarters project construction is finalized, additional funds would soon be available to support other projects.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion from Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Becky Ricketts was made to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk