

**CITY OF LYNDON
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Those present: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Several guests were also in attendance.

Mayor Hagan began with two action items that will be on Council agenda next Monday. The Tax Ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026 with same rate of .13 will be on for a first reading. Office expects property valuation assessments to be available soon for calculation of the compensating rate. Special meetings may be called to approve the same rate in order to have tax bills printed in time for mailing. Also, Mayor is re-submitting a request for proposal of 8100 Lyndon Park Ln. back out for bid since the other proposed use did not come to fruition.

Mayor opened the floor to public if they would like to speak. Ric Gillespie, resident of Holly Springs, attended the March meeting and brought up the over-flowing recycling center on Whipps Mill Rd. He asked council if anyone observed the site and 3 Council members stated they saw it. He urged something needs to be done to solve this problem with Metro.

Mr. Calvin Shaak from Etawah asked about the small holes that have formed on the newly paved road. Mayor explained that the road needs widening but there will not be infrastructure improvements until the builders at the end are finished. Drainage issues were also discussed.

Mayor Hagan gave council members a packet with police contract information that was requested by Ms. Stuber showing what each contracted city pays for police services, a standard interlocal agreement and a map with their boundaries. The Mayor has also sent letters to each of those cities regarding rate increase for service and gave Council a copy of that letter. Discussion was held. Council member, Jenny Benner, suggested the same flat rate for all cities and Council member Amy Stuber asked why would other cities who have their own police department choose not to serve other smaller cities. Mayor explained the flat rate would be possible but we may lose that city and lose revenue, he also stated those cities have more money to fund the police operations and do not need the additional revenue. There is still disagreement from Ms. Stuber that the city is making money from the contracts with other cities after Mayor explained again that Lyndon alone would need the same amount of police officers based on our population and that these contracts are additional revenue. More discussion was held about the services those cities receive and how many officers the department needs to serve Lyndon. The Mayor stated the Chief did present the number of officers needed and explained the calculation several meetings in the past. Council member, Jim Yates inquired of the number of other cities patrolled and the Mayor informed him there are 9. Ms. Stanley asked how many police cars we have to surplus and Mayor Hagan stated there are currently 7. Ms. Stuber asked why we still have the vehicles we approved to surplus mid 2024 that are depreciating and paying insurance for. The Mayor stated GovDeals are not selling the same type of cars we have to a surplus so CarMax is willing to give us fair market value. More details were given about the status of certain vehicles.

Ms. Stanely asked to confirm of the 50 city vehicles (1 a trailer and 4 are public works) we will surplus 7 of the police vehicles. Mayor said that was correct and he will likely identify 3 or 4 more to be declared surplus before July 1st.

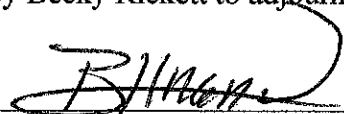
Council member Becky Ricketts mentioned variance issues with public safety in our current budget. Mayor Hagan informed her there will need to be an amendment and discussion was held about changing title of line item "other income". Mayor stated he will deliver the first draft of the upcoming budget this month in order to have a first reading in May and second reading and action in June.

Ms. Stuber brought up an ordinance that she would like to review further. In the original police department establishment ordinance, there was a mention of a safety director. Ms. Stuber wants to explore hiring someone to fill that position. Discussion was held. Ms. Stuber also would like to revisit the ethics ordinance and establish a commission. She named 3 people who have expressed interest and will be at Council Meeting next Monday. Mayor Hagan mentioned he also knows two people who may be interested. Discussion was held.

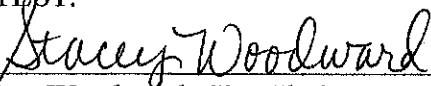
Ms. Benner also asked to revisit the immigration ordinance. City Attorney John Singler stated he will follow up on the action of a recent legislative bill that was meant to prohibit local governmental entities from adopting sanctuary policies.

Vicki Stanley inquired about a fence down on Whipps Mill Rd. After discussion, Mayor said he will call NTS who is responsible. Other topics briefly mentioned were sponsorship for summer festival and Ms. Ricketts reported on Easter event held at Lyndon Christian Church.

A motion was made by Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Becky Rickett to adjourn meeting at 7:48 pm


Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Woodward, City Clerk