

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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: May 19, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
 June 11 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
 June 16, 2025 Caucus Meeting Minutes
 June 23, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
 July 21, 2025 Caucus Meeting Minutes

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

7. POLICE REPORT

8. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance 6-23-25- 2nd Reading- Amending 2024-2025 Budget
- b. Ordinance 6-23-25A – 2nd Reading – Budget -Fiscal Yr. 2025-2026
- c. Ordinance 6-23-25B – 2nd Reading – Case 25-ZONE-0017- Zoning Change from R-5 to OR-1 at 8210 and 8212 Whipps Mill Rd.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance 7-28-25- 1st Reading – Relating to Budgeting, Adding Section 33.03
- b. Municipal Order 7-28-25A – Declaring Police Vehicles as Surplus Property
- c. RFP- 8100 Lyndon Park Lane

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Caucus Meeting – August 18, 2025- 6:00pm
 Council Meeting – August 25, 2025- 6:00pm

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. OPEN FLOOR

13. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LYNDON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 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: Jenny Benner, Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber, Jim Yates and City Attorney, John Singler. Becky Ricketts was absent. Many guests were also present.

A motion was made by Jim Yates, seconded by Susan Barto to approve minutes from the Special Meeting, May 19, 2025 as amended from June Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve minutes from the Special Meeting, June 11, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve minutes from the June 16, 2025 Caucus Meeting as amended from June Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Council member Amy Stuber made an edit to the next set of minutes for June 23, 2025 Council Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve minutes as amended from the June 23, 2025 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Two corrections were made to the July 21, 2025 Caucus Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve minutes as amended from that meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser, read the July 1, 2025 Treasurer's Report with ending balance of \$2,190,354.22. Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit. Council member Vicki Stanley asked about the \$159,000 discrepancy on the police budget. Ms. Kaiser informed her that she and Deputy Chief Chris Thomas have not yet been able to meet, but they will review the matter and provide an update as soon as the discrepancy is identified.

Ms. Stanley had no report for the Ad Hoc Committee, as the committee will not convene until the budget is approved.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder gave summer of June police report. Notable mentions were the transition to the new Police Headquarters building, Officer Xiong receiving Medal of Valor and the hourly activity in Lyndon has increased to almost 75% since moving to headquarters.

ORDINANCE #6-23-25 – 2nd Reading – Amending 2024-2025 Budget – Council member Jenny Benner stated that she does not support the amendment, noting that during city officials training, it was communicated that amending the budget after the start of the fiscal year is unlawful. She recommended that Council members receive advance notice of any proposed amendments, along with detailed information regarding the overspending and the source of funds used to cover it. Discussion was held. Ms. Stanley inquired whether the funds used to cover the overspending in the police budget would be drawn from the reserve. Mayor Hagan confirmed that the reserve is the usual source for such expenditures. Ms. Benner asked for explanation of the overspending and Mayor stated it was his fault due to a miscalculation with insurance, pension and maintenance on used vehicles. Ms. Benner requested receipts relevant to those expenses. Council member Mardy Sidebottom asked City Attorney if they can legally amend the budget. Mr. Singler stated the Mayor presented the amendment prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Councilwoman Stuber asked if the 2nd reading of the budget amendment had changed since the first reading. Mayor Hagan stated that "all the revenues changed." There was further discussion about the date of the ordinance and the changes from the first reading. Ms. Stuber stated she had not received a hard copy of the updated amendment. More discussion was held. The City Attorney stated, "Mayor just call for a motion. If they don't want to amend the budget, which is what they are required to do then move on." The Mayor then asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Vicki Stanley to have Mr. Singler give a second reading by summary of Ordinance #6-23-25. Motion carried with 5 "ayes" and 1 "nay". Mr. Singler gave a second reading. More discussion was held. A motion was made by Jim Yates, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve Ordinance #6-23-25. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and Jim Yates. Jenny Benner voted "nay". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #6-23-25A – 2nd Reading – Budget- Fiscal Yr. 2025-2026 - The Mayor asked for a motion and a second for Mr. Singler to do a second reading. Motion was made by Jim Yates, seconded by Vicki Stanley to have City Attorney give a 2nd reading of Ordinance #6-23-25A. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler gave a second reading of the ordinance. Ms. Stanley inquired about approving the budget when there were pending questions of overbudgeting last year. Mr. Singler reminded the council it is their responsibility to pass a budget and it is overdue by a month. Ms. Stanley stated the numbers are not correct and it keeps changing. Council member Susan Barto informed Ms. Stanley they can pass the budget and amend it if needed. Deputy Chief, Chris Thomas, who manages the police budget spoke up and informed Ms. Stanley the discrepancies she is referring to in public safety were reflected on the amendment of 2024-2025 budget not the 2025-20256 budget. There was more discussion about the \$159,000 overage to police salaries and Ms. Stuber asked Deputy Thomas to explain. He stated he doesn't believe they are over-budget, Mr. Singler went over the variance report in that category and City Treasurer, Sonya Kaiser reiterated she and Deputy Thomas will review the salaries. The Mayor stated we need a motion to adopt. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve Ordinance #6-23-25A. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Mardy Sidebottom, Amy Stuber and Jim Yates. Vicki Stanley voted "nay". Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #6-23-25B – 2nd Reading – Case 25-ZONE-0017- Zoning Change from R-5 to OR-1 at 8210 and 8212 Whipps Mill Rd. – A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Amy Stuber, to have Mr. Singler give a 2nd reading by summary of Ordinance #6-23-25B. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler gave the 2nd reading. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to approve Ordinance #6-23-25B. Upon roll call vote, the following votes "aye": Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and Jim Yates. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #7-28-25 – 1st Reading – Relating to Budgeting, Adding Section 33.03- A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Jim Yates to have Mr. Singler give a first reading by summary of Ordinance #7-28-25. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler gave a first reading and summarized a section will be added to codified ordinances stating that all expenditures from the police department will be categorized under "Public Safety". 2nd reading and action will be on August agenda.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #7-28-25A- Declaring Police Vehicles as Surplus Property – Mayor gave list of vehicles for surplus and Mr. Singler noted the method to surplus is putting them up for public auction. Ms. Stuber asked to add language in Municipal Order requesting vehicles to be listed within 90 days. Mayor agreed and order will be updated. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Jim Yates, to approve Municipal Order #7-28-25A with amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #7-28-25B- Establishing a Beautification Committee- The Mayor read the Municipal Order. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Jenny Benner to approve Municipal Order #7-28-25B. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Singler distributed a sample Request for Proposal (RFP) for playground equipment to serve as a reference for review, emphasizing the importance of having a defined budget to effectively assess the best and lowest bid. Ms. Stanley added that her plan is to have an expert provide recommendations to the committee.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – 8100 Lyndon Park Lane – Mayor Hagan opened the submission from Gravely Brewing, which outlined a concept for 'Sip N Slide' but did not include a formal bid. He stated that copies will be distributed to the Council and the proposal will be discussed further at a future meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor announced the public ribbon-cutting for the Lyndon Police Headquarters will be Friday, August 1st at 4:00pm. The next Caucus Meeting will be August 18, 2025 and Council Meeting is August 25, 2025, both at 6:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councilmember Jenny Benner inquired about an update to the Lyndon streetscape project. Mayor Hagan informed council LG&E ordered the wrong streetlights which won't be available until October. He is looking into private company for more options. More details were discussed. Ms. Stuber requested that the Mayor provide information from the private company regarding the quote for lighting and maintenance costs. The Mayor responded that LD&D is currently working on obtaining that information and will deliver once it's complete.

FLOOR OPEN TO PUBLIC: Charlie Venneman, CPA, addressed comments made by Ms. Stuber during a meeting concerning deficiencies in his professional accounting services. He clarified that he did not apply to conduct any audit for Lyndon himself and explained the peer-review process that generates those reviews. Ms. Stuber read her statement from that meeting: 2024-013, Charles Veeneman, CPA, and Charles Veeneman CPA, PSC. The Board reviewed the firm's 2016, 2019 and 2022 peer review reports, which all resulted in review ratings of "pass with deficiencies." As a result of their assessment, the Board members determined additional action against the firm, beyond that which had been imposed by the peer review committee, to be warranted. Remedy: The parties agreed to resolve the aforementioned peer review deficiencies through the entry of an Agreed Order, which required the firm to: (a) pay a \$500 fine; and (b) prioritize remaining informed and up-to-date on all applicable professional standards and acting in full compliance with such standards in its ongoing provision of attest services. Councilwoman Stuber apologized if he took offense to her findings. More discussion was held. Mr. Venneman talked about his qualifications and Ms. Stuber suggests the City hire a CPA that has experience with a Police Department the size of Lyndon or larger.

Councilmember Jim Yates, explained a situation that happened last month regarding the letter a constituent, Vicki Resnik, requested to be delivered to councilmembers and before he could read it, it was removed from his seat. He spoke about transparency and is very concerned for what happened. He introduced two audience members who are here to speak about the situation. Representing Vicki Resnik, Sharon Morris read aloud the letter that was delivered. Aundrea Selter, a resident of Lyndon, informed council she contacted the Kentucky League of Cities and consulted with an attorney regarding the incident involving last week's letter. While she was informed that it is not illegal to remove and dispose a document delivered to a council member, it is considered unethical. She emphasized to the Council that constituents are paying attention.

Katherine Frederick, a resident of Meadowvale, told a recent, personal story of an explosion that happened at her home. Chief Schroeder, who is her neighbor, immediately responded to the explosion, jumped into action and guided her to help save her mother and pets. The Lyndon Police Department was there in minutes to help put out a fire and EMS and Fire Departments followed. She expressed how grateful she was for their service.

Vicki Stanley informed the Mayor she had to leave the meeting early. As she was leaving Ms. Resnik, the author of the letter mentioned earlier, addressed her and questioned what authority she had to remove the letter intended for Council members. Ms. Stanley responded that she did not have an answer. Ms. Resnik commented that as a council member, supporting the community begins with listening to citizens. Ms. Stanley added that she would appreciate occasional words of support for the council before she left the meeting.

Christopher Cook, a visitor of Lyndon, confirmed with the City Attorney that First Amendment protections apply to City Hall. He then commented on the Courier Journal, alleging that the publication only produces stories for compensation. In response to an earlier remark regarding the City Attorney's explanation of a matter, Mr. Cook emphasized Mr. Singler duties as an attorney.

Mr. Cook also issued a public apology to Council Member Yates for which he had accused Mr. Yates of a comment made on a Facebook post. He acknowledged that he should have had full story before raising the concern and noted that he had also sent a personal email to Mr. Yates.

Addressing tensions among Council members, Mr. Cook urged the council members to work better together. He encouraged the City to consider strategies for supporting the local economy as a means of keeping rental costs manageable. In response, Mayor Hagan clarified that the City cannot control rental rates.

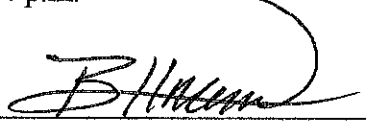
To conclude, Mr. Cook shared a story he had read the previous week about a domestic violence incident in another city, offering it as a reminder to remain focused on real issues.

Earlene Grise-Owen spoke about the importance of Vicki Stanley's report last week regarding her duty as a council member. She responded to a remark that the council's primary role is to pass a budget, clarifying that while budget approval is essential, council members also have a duty to conduct thorough due diligence and ask informed, responsible questions. Ms. Grise-Owen expressed concern that the council did not receive adequate answers to make a fully informed decision regarding the budget. Ms. Grise-Owen suggested that if the Mayor were

willing to meet with constituents in advance, many of these issues could be discussed ahead of time, potentially reducing confusion during council meetings. He has declined Ms. Grise-Owen's personal requests to meet because of past interactions and comments made on social media. Further discussion led to disorder from audience which was controlled.

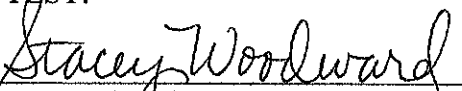
Calvin Shaak, a Lyndon property owner, believes the City has respected First Amendment rights and supported open questioning.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion from Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Amy Stuber was made to adjourn meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk