

AGENDA
LYNDON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL:** ___ Jenny Benner ___ Susan Barto ___ Carla Nalley ___ Becky Ricketts ___
Mardy Sidebottom ___ Vicki Stanley ___ Amy Stuber ___ City Attorney, John Singler ___
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 22, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024 Caucus Meeting Minutes
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. POLICE HEADQUARTER BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**
- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Caucus Meeting – March 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Council Meeting – March 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC**
- 10. 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 present: Susan Barto, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, and City Attorney, John Singler. Jenny Benner, Carla Nalley and Amy Stuber were absent. Several guests were present.

A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Susan Barto to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Becky Ricketts to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve the February 19, 2024 Caucus Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk read the Treasurer's Report which will be filed for audit. Ending balance for February 1, 2024 was \$3,568,471.26

Following January's Council meeting, a Police Headquarters Committee was established. This committee is comprised of four council members, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Vicki Stanley and Amy Stuber, and the Police Chief, Rob Schroeder. The minutes for each of those meetings were presented to the council. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Becky Ricketts, to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Susan Barto, to approve the February 22, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hagan asked a spokesperson to report the committee's findings. Ms. Ricketts stated they have been working with LMH Architects to make adjustments on the design of the headquarters building. She also stated according to LMH, an alternate plan should be available to make a report by the Caucus Meeting on March 18th and she would like to have a full council in attendance to make a full report. Discussion was held.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor announced the next Caucus Meeting will be March 18, 2024 where a report of finding from the Police Headquarters Committee will be presented. The next Council Meeting will be March 25, 2024, both at 6:00pm. The Spring Egg-stravaganza is March 30th at Robsion Park from noon – 3p.m, egg hunt at 2 p.m. KLC City Day/Night is this coming Wednesday, February 28th. Space is available for council members to still register.

OTHER BUSINESS: Susan Barto asked Mayor Hagan if there is any update on the Lyndon Park Lane venture with Colin Underhill. He stated that Mr. Underhill is working the closing of the property and has until April 30, 2024. The Mayor also informed council the Ormsby Lane widening project is moving along and MSD is making final approval. Crews should be on site in March prepping area.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC: Brian Kiesler, UPS employee, asked for clarification on how to amend the occupational tax ordinance. The Mayor informed him a motion has to be made and a first and second reading with action take place in two consecutive months. He also made it clear, the council will review the tax ordinance after the first quarter earnings to make calculations for the remainder of the year. Mr. Kiesler asked for an explanation of the plan and Mayor Hagan explained again the council will determine what steps the council decides to make after the first quarter. More discussion was held.

Mark, a UPS employee, asked how many people work in Lyndon and what the average salary is. Mayor Hagan explained according to the last census, about 8,000 are employed in Lyndon and the city doesn't require businesses to list salaries so there is no way of knowing until after the first quarter. Even then, not everyone will be in compliance. It may take a year or so to get established.

After Mr. Kiesler addressed the council members about not having a gauge of what is to be expected, Councilmember Vicki Stanley explained her understanding of how the first quarter report will give the council the answers they need to make an informed decision. Mr. Kiesler gave his opinion on how the city should have planned better. Mayor Hagan listed what is needed for certain areas of the budget. More discussion.

Justin, another employee of Lyndon, asked what research went into deciding what percentage of the tax to impose. Mayor Hagan explained insight from other small cities comparable to Lyndon aided in that decision. Metro Louisville was contacted but the zip codes Lyndon share with other cities made it difficult to make an estimation. The percentage was based on what practices those cities used and how much the city needs to sustain. Justin, also mentioned other businesses still do not know about the tax so how will it be enforced. The Mayor assured him it will take time and the city will work with businesses. The city has hired an experienced tax specialist who formerly worked with the Louisville Metro Revenue Department to help through this process. Andy Benner, resident and employee in Lyndon, informed council that he works for two small businesses and he has had taxes taken from his check from both so they were aware from the beginning. More discussion held.

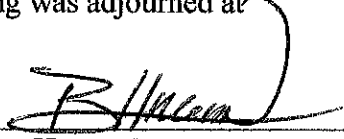
Mr. Kiesler asked what is the right way to petition for an amendment to the tax ordinance. City Attorney, John Singler, informed him a petition with signatures will not change the procedure, the decision will come from the council. The only legal significance of a petition is just to inform the council there are people who oppose the tax.

Matt Young, UPS employee, expressed his opinion that the city will make a plan fit for their benefit and he does not have faith changes will be made. He asked to know why the extra revenue is needed. Through more discussion, he was urged to look at the city budgets posted online. Councilmember Mardy Sidebottom reassured him this has all been discussed previously and listed the needs. She also explained the city has debated an occupational tax in the past and it was postponed and now "we have to do it". She gave an example of Metro police not responding and how we needed a police department. Mr. Young stated he does not dispute that the city needs a police department, he is just concerned about the amount of money taken from employees.

Mr. Kiesler requested information what residential property taxes vs. occupational taxes are brought in once we get the information. Mr. Singler suggested he take a look at the city's audit report which breaks down the revenue into all the facts, figures and charts.

Guest, Eric Panknin, asked if the city has been in discussion about regulations regarding Senate Bill 47 pertaining to medical cannabis law. Council has not discussed. Mr. Singler informed him how Senate Bills work. If the city does not act on it, the state law will automatically go into effect. Mr. Panknin was looking for a stance from council members on the subject. At this time, no one from the council offered their view. Ms. Stanley stated there are several state bills she would like to discuss at a later date. Mayor Hagan said he will know more about those bills after Wednesday's meeting in Frankfort.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk