

AGENDA
LYNDON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: ___ Susan Barto ___ Carla Nalley ___ Becky Ricketts ___ Mardy Sidebottom
___ Vicki Stanley ___ Amy Stuber ___ City Attorney, John Singler

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2024 Caucus Meeting Minutes

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

6. AWARD BID – Police Headquarters

7. COUNCIL VACANCY

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Caucus Meeting – February 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Council Meeting – February 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC

11. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF LYNDON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present: Susan Barto, Carla Nalley, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and City Attorney, John Singler. Several guests were present.

A motion was made by Mardy Sidebottom, seconded by Carla Nalley to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Vicki Stanley to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Caucus Meeting.

The City Clerk read the Treasurer's Report which will be filed for audit. Ending balance for January 1, 2024 was \$3,869,912.76

In the vacancy of Ms. Kramer as Council Member, a motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Amy Stuber to have Jenny Benner to fill the position. Susan Barto recused her vote because Ms. Benner is a family member. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Benner took the oath of office and joined the council.

The Police Headquarters bid was next on the agenda. Heather Harris, LMH Architecture, explained an increase in the lowest bid total from Schaefer Construction after a scope of work was analyzed. With the increase, the total comes to \$3,596,030 still at lowest bid. Becky Ricketts expressed her concern with the amount of money the project will cost. Amy Stuber agreed and there was much discussion. The Mayor asked those council members who were hesitant about approving the bid what their recommendation would be at this point. Discussion was held. Mardy Sidebottom asked what the police will do in the meantime if the bid is not approved. The Mayor informed the council there are only 18 more months left in the contract with the Graymoor-Devondale building they are currently in. Ms. Stuber also stated the \$1.13 million from the sale of the Lyndon Park Lane property has not been collected because the city hasn't closed on it. City Attorney, John Singler mentioned there is an option to finance through the KLC with a project of this size.

A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Amy Stuber to table the approval of the bid. Motion carried. More discussion was held on scaling back the scope and Mr. Singler suggested asking the architects to provide different options with price points to compare what is needed and desired for headquarters. Ms. Stanley stated she is not comfortable setting those price points without revisiting and discussing the options and she suggested a committee to make those decisions. Eric Shaefer, from the bidding company, asked if he could suggest involving them in the process along with police representatives to create options for a sustainable department. Council members showed interest in being on the committee. The Mayor was asked about a timeline and he stated he would like to have a recommendation by February 19th, Caucus Meeting. A motion was made by Susan Barto, seconded by Carla Nalley for Mayor to appoint Amy Stuber, Becky Ricketts, Vicki Stanley and Jenny Benner as members of the Police Headquarters Building Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Hagan confirmed those

recommendations will be given at that February meeting. More discussion for preparation was held. Chief Rob Schroeder was invited to attend the committee meeting and the Mayor made sure they know to record the meeting and take minutes. Mr. Singler also stated the city needs to give prior notice on the website of the meeting date and times. Council also discussed with Mr. Schaefer if it would be more cost effective to start with a new building instead of renovation. He stated building new would be more expensive.

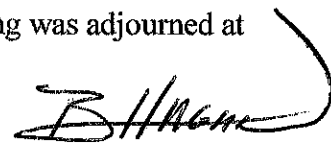
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor announced the next Caucus Meeting will be February 19, 2024 and the next Council Meeting will be February 26, 2024, both at 6:00pm.

Amy Stuber and Jenny Benner announced they will be out of town for the February 26th meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Vicki Stanley explained an attendee of last week's meeting approached her after the meeting and stated he is going to ask for the scheduling of the police officers to justify having 30 officers on payroll. The Mayor told her he could fill out an open records request through the office. She also requested she see that information as well.

OPEN FLOOR TO PUBLIC: Justin Baker, representing the Hurstbourne Green Business Association and who also attended last month's Council Meeting, thanked the council for looking more into this bid process which goes back to his concerns for the 1% occupational tax. He asked if the council had researched the tax details any further. Becky Ricketts shared with Mr. Baker, the Mayor stated last week at the Caucus Meeting the tax will remain, but it will be evaluated after the 1st quarter and if an adjustment needs to be made, the rate may be reduced and refunds may be issued. Mayor stated he will have that information specifically by April. Mr. Baker stated he wants Lyndon to thrive but he voiced his concerns with the occupational tax again.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk