

**CITY OF LYNDON
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of a 1st Reading of the 2024-2025 Budget. The pledge was recited. Those present: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Carla Nalley, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanely, Amy Stuber and City Attorney, John Singler. Lyndon Police Chief and Deputy Chief were present along with other guests.

Mayor Hagan asked council to refer to a new budget packet he supplied to each member. With occupational tax being a topic of discussion, he revealed the tax generated \$1,073,083 in the 1st quarter and named the six highest employer returns. He also noted only 27 of the 317 returns filed were over \$5,000. Overall, the Mayor concluded compliance with employers was satisfactory. There are several businesses who were made aware of the tax after Q1 and will begin withholding in Q2. With this information, the Mayor stated he projected total funds for the occupational tax as \$4,000,292.

Since the budget has already been discussed prior to the meeting, Mayor Hagan highlighted the recent changes. He asked council to notice the sale of Lyndon Park Lane in Revenues was changed to \$0 since that fell under but made a point that the occupational tax increase from \$3,000,000 on last worksheet to \$4,000,000 help off-set that difference.

Mayor continued to Appropriations. A change in the retirement system, reducing from \$1.2 million to \$51,057 was made to only reflect office staff (non-hazardous). The police retirement will show in their budget. Susan Barto asked if grants funds should be kept in budget and council decided to keep the \$25,000 available. The Mayor gave more details about capital projects and how the municipal road aid contributes to certain expenditures. Sanitation and Public Works were discussed.

Mayor Hagan noted a decrease in Public Safety of \$1,770,000. Line items, salary, health insurance and retirement all changed due to the decrease in number of hires. Vehicle line item also decreased because of leasing program recently implemented to take place of buying vehicles. Jenny Benner asked about the sale of surplus vehicles. The Mayor informed her they are not worth much but when they are sold, the profit will go into Other Revenue. Susan Barto questioned police contracts with other cities if city should continue? Mayor Hagan stated we have the set number of officers to service Lyndon, the other cities are just a supplement to the revenue and no additional officers are needed. Deputy Chief, Chris Thomas and Chief, Rob Schroeder explained the patrolling and pay schedule for other cities so the council would understand it is not taking away from Lyndon. Discussion was held. Becky Ricketts brought up a question about the police budget and City Attorney, John Singler, explained the police budget is only a component of the city overall budget.

Vicki Stanley asked a general question regarding how emergency funds would be handled and Mr. Singler explained if an emergency arose, the city would use the surplus first and then amend

the budget if needed. The Mayor also made a point that major capital projects are not re-occurring, every year will not show the same expenditures. Mr. Singler added if council is concerned about not having surplus, capital projects may be paid on loan and instead of paying in full with cash, it would be a monthly service on the debt which you would have in reserve.

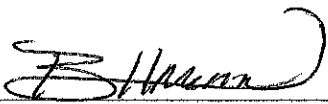
Jenny Benner asked about figures on police protection contracts. It seems to her the total for 24-25 is almost \$100,000 less than what is budgeted based on the trend of what has been brought in at end of Q1. Also, she asked for clarification on the amount per officer for KLEFPF. Chris Thomas gave her the correct rate. Ms. Benner's concern is that the revenue should be closer to trend. She asked for status of payment with the Ormsby Lane project since she is new to council. The Mayor stated it is reflected in the street-widening \$640,000 line item.

Amy Stuber inquired about where Municipal Road Aid (MRAP) is indicated on worksheet. Mr. Singler informed her it is under the Intergovernmental Funds. This led into the MRAP discussion as part of the budget agenda. Mayor Hagan went through MRAP budget and detailed what is covered: streets, sidewalks, signage, equipment/repairs, miscellaneous. Discussion was held.

ORDINANCE #5-7-24 – 1st Reading – Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025- Amy Stuber mentioned she needs more time to review the budget. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Mardy Sidebottom to have Mr. Singler give a first reading of Ordinance #5-7-24. Motion carried with 5 “ayes”. Two members voted “nay”. Mr. Singler gave the first reading by summary. Second reading and action will be on June Council agenda.


Lastly, Mayor Hagan made two announcements. The next meeting will be a special meeting to hold our council agenda items on May 20, 2024 because the 4th Monday falls on Memorial Day. Also, Shakespeare in the Park is Sunday, May 12th at 6:30pm at Robsion Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52p.m.



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk