

**CITY OF LYNDON  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

Mayor Brent Hagan called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those present: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Carla Nalley, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and City Attorney, John Singler. Police Chief, Rob Schroeder and Deputy Chief, Chris Thomas were also in attendance along with other guests.

Mayor Hagan welcomed guests and began with updates to the Ormsby Lane project which should be completed with next two weeks, weather permitting. Also, the Police Headquarters renovation has raised an issue with water holding in the pit of the elevator shaft which has forced a change to the plan. Instead of an elevator, there will be a chair lift installed for ADA compliance and it will save the city money. Discussion was held. The Mayor reminded council members the upcoming KLC Conference is January 15-17<sup>th</sup> and asked them to please remember to register and book hotels through the city for proper invoicing.

The December Council Meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Following that meeting, the city will hold the swearing-in ceremony for the new council. Mayor Hagan informed council that new business cards will be ordered and asked them to inform the office of what information they want on individual cards. Mayor delivered the minutes to the October Council meeting. He explained those minutes are approved by the council and so if there are changes they would like to make to please inform the office or announce at the council meeting.

The municipal order proposing the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee will be on the agenda for November. Council member Vicki Stanley explained the intent for the committee is to discuss the occupational tax and ideas for future city funding other than raising taxes. She is recommending four meetings with the committee consisting of three council members and four community business members and named those who have expressed interest. Discussion was held. Mayor Hagan asked if her intention is to have the four meetings before the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance proposing the occupational tax reduction. Ms. Stanley expressed that since the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is on agenda for the next council meeting and there will be many guests in support of the reduction, she believes the council should proceed with a vote but still do the study afterwards. She mentioned she would like to have first meeting in December.

On the topic of the proposed tax reductions, City Attorney John Singler produced a spreadsheet of calculations based on the City Treasurer's 2024 fiscal year-to-date statement and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the current year for council to better understand the revenue and expenses projected for 2025. He also indicated the total projected revenue of the occupational tax at 1%, .75% and .5%. Discussion was held on capital projects and the payment options. Council Member Amy Stuber expressed her support to raise the service rate for the additional cities who contract with Lyndon for police service. The Mayor passed out spreadsheets from Police Chief showing approved totals for 2024-2025 Public Safety Budget that indicated the cost/hr. as \$58.95 per officer. The Mayor misspoke stating Lyndon charges other cities \$72/hr. and the Chief later

corrected that quote and stated the rate additional cities are charged is from \$64-\$70/hr., depending on the services they receive. Ms. Stuber feels like the city is losing money on these contracts. Mayor Hagan explained the hourly rate is clear and the city would not have the additional \$400,000 if we did not have those contracts. The number of officers with the department would be the same if those contracts didn't exist. Discussion was held. Council Member, Jenny Benner inquired about a set monthly rate for those cities. Chief Schroeder explained the department, while under Graymoor-Devondale, charged additional cities at a monthly rate but it was harder to track hours and stay efficient. Further discussion was held.

Mayor Hagan mentioned one other municipal order will be on agenda regarding surplus of tasers to Wayne Co. Detention Center. Deputy Chief Thomas explained Lyndon is receiving newer versions from Metro so the older tasers can be deemed surplus and passed on. Mr. Singler will draft up the order.

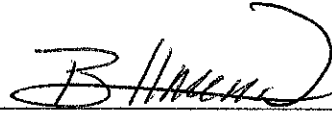
A few other topics were brought up. Ms. Stanley asked about police cars sitting in areas and she was informed they are moved around depending on trend of shop lifting and vandalism activity. Ms. Benner inquired about showing certain documents the council reviews on a video screen for the audience and if we can have copies of the agenda put on the website and available at meetings. Mayor Hagan agreed to have agendas available and gave information on what he has found out about the audio/visual companies. Ms. Ricketts also had someone come out to give us a quote. He stated there is money in the budget to have audio/visual equipment installed and has several quotes to review. He also talked about working through changes with the new website platform.

Ms. Ricketts asked about the streetscape plan. Mayor Hagan stated bid spec document should be available soon and more information to come. More discussion was held on the issues with ADA compliance of the trees. Ms. Ricketts also suggested the newsletters have a section for the Police Chief to have a write-up. She asked about the JCLC dinner and Mayor informed her he was attending but did not buy a table this year for council members. Lastly, Ms. Ricketts talked about the Popcorn Station grand opening and the idea for Lyndon to have a ribbon-cutting. She also mentioned they brought samples to try.

Ms. Stanley commented on the way the audit is reported and asked if it must be read aloud in detail. She asked if he could just give highlights and the council could ask questions. After discussion, Mr. Singler explained he presents the audit the way it should be done.

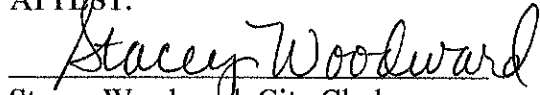
Ms. Stuber asked the Mayor why he didn't invite the council to the JCLC dinner. He informed her it was his decision based on participation in the past and stated "why would I want to break bread with you now?" She also asked why a link was on the city's website to the Lyndon, KY Facebook page. There was some confusion of what she was speaking about and she explained the person who created this page posts inappropriate topics. Mayor Hagan understood what she was referring to and said he will remove that link. Ms. Stuber asked him if he is allowing anyone to speak over the limit and berate the council for 16 minutes. Mayor stated he will be more diligent in enforcing Robert's Rules of Order.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm



Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacey Woodward, City Clerk