

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL:** ___ Susan Barto ___ Jenny Benner ___ Carla Nalley ___ Becky Ricketts ___ Mardy Sidebottom ___ Vicki Stanley ___ Amy Stuber ___ City Attorney, John Singler
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 28, 2024 Council Minutes
 November 18, 2024 Caucus Minutes
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. POLICE REPORT**
- 7. ORDINANCE #10-28-24 – 2nd Reading - REVISING ORDINANCE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSING AND OCCUPATIONAL TAXATION**
- 8. MUNICIPAL ORDER #11-25-24 – Establishing a Committee**
- 9. MUNICIPAL ORDER #11-25-24A- Declaring Property Excess and Surplus**
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** December 16, 2024 – Council Meeting – 6:00pm
 Light-Up Lyndon- December 1st- 4pm-7pm
- 11. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 12. OPEN FLOOR**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF LYNDON
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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 council members present: Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Carla Nalley, Becky Ricketts, Mardy Sidebottom, Vicki Stanley, Amy Stuber and City Attorney, John Singler. Several guests were present.

Councilmember, Jenny Benner asked for extra time to approve the October Council Meeting minutes because she feels there is context missing. A motion was made by Jenny Benner, seconded by Amy Stuber to table the approval October 28, 2024 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Amy Stuber also asked for more time to make changes to the November Caucus Meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Stuber seconded by Becky Ricketts to table the approval of November 18, 2024 Caucus Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hagan introduced City Treasurer Sonya Kaiser who read the Treasurer's Report in detail. She answered questions from previous meetings regarding "other income" and noted that balance has been adjusted for the year-to-date actuals from recent settlements of police vehicle insurance claim and opioid abatement. She also highlighted two areas under expenses and explained a change in line item under insurance for employees where the police insurance was split off to their own budget. Councilmember Jenny Benner asked Ms. Kaiser about discrepancies in worksheets that were given to council at different times with conflicting totals. Ms. Kaiser explained there were some errors in accounting software reporting that were corrected and the most recent worksheet they received last month for 2024-2025 fiscal year, pending audit adjustments, are the correct totals. Councilmember Becky Ricketts asked about police expenses and what budget it refers to. Ms. Kaiser informed her there is one city budget in which the police have added their own line items under public safety on that budget which is presented to the council. Ms. Stuber listed a few line items such as their copier, computer expenses and utilities that are not under the police budget and asked if it will be adjusted. Mayor Hagan explained those supplies they use are shared with City Hall and once they are in the new building, those expenses will be declared as a public safety expense. Councilmember Vicki Stanley inquired about employee insurance and payments on check registry. Ms. Kaiser explained it is a monthly charge but paid in lump sum.

Police Chief, Rob Schroeder read highlights of traffic accidents and investigations from October's police report. Council was emailed full report. Ms. Stuber asked the Chief if he would supply the total number of responses and citations for Lyndon versus the other cities. The Chief read those totals. Discussion was held. Councilmember Becky Ricketts believes Green Springs and Barbourmeade is out of the way to service. Ms. Stuber asked for a spreadsheet with a listing of all the contracted cities, hourly rates, hours billed, activity and total amount received from each of the cities who contract with Lyndon. The Chief stated although some activity is not reported, he can produce a close total. Ms. Ricketts added that data will be helpful to Ad Hoc Committee.

ORDINANCE #10-28-24- 2nd Reading – Revising Ordinance Relating to Business Licensing and Occupational Taxation (reducing to .75 from 1%)– Mayor Hagan made a statement that this proposed reduction is premature in that the city has not had a full year to report for return. He also believes the Ad Hoc Committee that has been proposed should consider ways to raise revenue before action on this ordinance. Councilmember Vicki Stanley said that may be a good idea however she said that after discussing they have decided to move on and give the people what they have asked for. She was concerned the accounting departments would have trouble making changes but was told by executives it's a minor adjustment. Councilmember Carla Nalley stated she would like to hear the auditor report before acting on the reduction. Ms. Stuber commented the auditor was supposed to be here this evening but he is not. Mayor Hagan informed council he shared the Auditor's contact information in an email and several council members said they did not receive it. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Susan Barto to have City Attorney, John Singler, to give a second reading by summary of Ordinance #10-28-24. Motion carried with one opposition. Mr. Singler gave the second reading. A motion made by Amy Stuber, seconded by Jenny Benner to approve Ordinance #10-28-24. Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Susan Barto, Jenny Benner, Becky Ricketts, Vicki Stanley and Amy Stuber. The following voted "nay": Carla Nalley and Mardy Sidebottom. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #11-25-24- Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Singler explained the committee is proposed to study the current occupational tax of 1% versus the proposed .75% or lower and research other ways to fund the Lyndon Police Department and other capital projects and present those findings to full council and Mayor. There will be four meetings including a public input meeting. Members will include, 3 sitting council members as well as not more than 4 members of the business community, all appointed by the Mayor. Any committee must be open to the public, conducted at City Hall with proper notification and minutes must be taken. A motion was made by Vicki Stanley, seconded by Amy Stuber to approve Municipal Order #11-25-24. Motion carries unanimously. The Mayor stated he is not prepared to appoint members until January with the newly elected council in office. Discussion held.

MUNICIPAL ORDER #11-25-24A – Declaring Property Excess and Surplus – Mr. Singler read order to surplus 22 tasers to the Wayne County Detention Center. Motion was made by Becky Ricketts, seconded by Carla Nalley to approve Municipal Order #11-25-24A. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Hagan announced Light Up Lyndon on December 1st from 4pm-7pm, Santa arriving at 5pm. The only meeting in December is the Council Meeting on December 16, 2024, both at 6:00pm.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Hagan supplied new renderings of the Police Headquarters to council showing the change to the front of the building where elevator shaft was proposed. Because of the high underground water table, there will be a chair lift instead, which will also reduce costs. Becky Ricketts asked to go on record that she suggested a chairlift in the beginning. Discussion held.

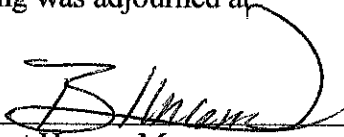
The Mayor also mentioned a few more items. He asked Ms. Benner and other council members to refer to November 7th in their emails for the message regarding the Auditor, Richard Paulmann's, contact information. He also reminded council of the KLC City Officials Academy in January for newly elected officials with a Friday presentation by CEO, J.D. Chaney on Municipal Taxing Authority to discuss options for revenue. Mayor brought up the Ormsby Lane project updates and although the road should be open this week, it will not have a freshly paved surface until spring. Ms. Sidebottom asked the Mayor if members can attend just the one KLC seminar regarding revenue. The Mayor said there are one day options but that particular seminar is at 8:00 am. Becky Ricketts mentioned her conversations with representatives from KIPDA and KLC at the JCLC Dinner and suggested she and Deputy Chief, Chris Thomas speak to them about grants available. Discussion held regarding grants they have applied for and what can be received.

Amy Stuber asked for clarification on the difference in revenue generated from the police contracts from one year to the next. Mayor Hagan responded there is no fixate rate so it will fluctuate since they are charged hourly. Ms. Stuber also mentioned, according to Hurstbourne budget on their website, they are allotting \$329,000 for public safety and feels that number is high since revenue from city contracts was \$353,000 total for all contracted cities. Chief Schroeder brought up their budget may include new equipment such as flock cameras which could fall under public safety. Discussion was held about flock cameras and he responded to the concern from Ms. Ricketts earlier about distance from Lyndon to Barbourmeade.

OPEN FLOOR: Brian Kiesler, UPS, stated when he first spoke to Mayor Hagan about the occupational tax, Mayor said the council declined .75% and then 1% was approved. Mayor Hagan stated he did not say they declined, he was explaining the rate options and the 1% was the rate needed to achieve the goal of \$4M to \$5M. Mr. Kiesler commented the city should've tried .75% to begin with. Mayor Hagan stated with the recent approval to reduce the rate, it will be determined. Andy Benner, Lyndon resident, asked when the new rate begins, which is January 1st.

Jeff Wafford, UPS, thanked the council for the conversations and understood the goal but would like to see it lowered more. He also expressed interest in joining the ad hoc committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.


Brent Hagan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Woodward, City Clerk