

**Lynd City Council Minutes**  
**March 17, 2026**

The Lynd City Council met in regular session on March 17, 2026. Present were Mayor Justin Guggisberg; Councilmembers Jerry Sodemann, Josh Bruley, and Shantel Williams. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon Schultz, City Clerk/Treasurer Jenni DeRuyter, and City Attorney John Engels. Councilmember David Reaves was absent.

Mayor Guggisberg called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

The Council reviewed the minutes from the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting. Shantel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Josh. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

The agenda was reviewed with several additions. Under Public Works, items added included: 6) Manhole Cover and 7) Cataract Surgery. Under New Business, "City-Owned Lots" was added as item A. Under Public Forum, Sara Oberloh – 2025 Audit was added. Shantel made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Jerry. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Law Enforcement Report**

Lyon County Sheriff Eric Wallen reported that the department responded to a total of thirteen calls for service during the month of February. Justin made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Report. Josh seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

**Public Forum**

Wes Blomme addressed the Council regarding a request to detach two parcels of land he recently purchased from the city limits. The Council reviewed the location of the parcels. Justin Guggisberg made a motion to approve the detachment of the two parcels from the city limits, seconded by Shantel Williams. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Jordan from Bolton & Menk presented an additional option for the City regarding updates to the sewer ponds. He explained that the City of Ghent is in a similar situation as Lynd, as both communities are nearing capacity and have aging pond systems. Due to the comparable size of the two cities, regionalization with Ghent could be a potential option. Jordan noted that pursuing a regional solution could improve eligibility for Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding, potentially increasing available grant dollars for the project.

To explore this option, Lynd and Ghent would need to complete an additional engineering report to determine feasibility. The report would include potential pond locations and cost estimates for both cities. It was noted that if the City wishes to pursue this option, action would need to be taken promptly, as it would require amending the current facility plan. If both cities decide to move forward, a Joint Powers Agreement would also be required. Following discussion, the Council expressed interest in exploring this option further, with the preference that Lynd would oversee maintenance of the system.

Jordan also discussed the Lead Service Line (LSL) project, noting that one service line has been identified as galvanized and requires replacement. In order to proceed with the project, the City must adopt a resolution. Josh Bruley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 (Resolution for Application), seconded by Shantel Williams. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Sara Oberloh presented the City's 2025 cash-based audit and reviewed the overall financial position of the City.

**Council Member Input**

**Mayor Justin Guggisberg:** No items presented.

**Councilman Jerry Sodemann:** No items presented.

**Councilman David Reaves:** No items presented.

**Councilman Josh Bruley:** No items presented.

**Councilwoman Shantel Williams:** No items presented.

### **Fire Report**

Fire Chief Dillon Schultz reported that the Fire Department responded to two first responder calls and no fire call since the last Council meeting. The skid unit has permanently mounted to 816. The annual fish fry fundraiser will be on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shantel made a motion to approve the Fire Department Report, seconded by Josh. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Public Works Report**

Dillon Schultz reported that Dave Gruhot contacted the City regarding a drainage issue near the emergency exit at Lynd Public School. The area is holding water, and there is a need to clarify property ownership. After discussion, it was determined that the immediate exit area is the school's responsibility. However, if any grading work is completed, the school will need to coordinate with the City to ensure it does not create drainage issues in other areas.

Dillon also reported that several lights in Affinity Hills were damaged due to wind, and it appears some may have also been damaged by BB guns. Monte Electric has completed the repairs.

There was a malfunction with the payloader that caused damage to the City shop. An insurance claim has been filed. Two estimates are required; the City has received one estimate from Sussner Construction for approximately \$2,900.

Dunnick Inc. has provided an estimate for patching asphalt work in conjunction with the railroad crossing project on 235th Street.

While snow plowing, a manhole cover was caught by the blade and is now protruding several inches. Safety cones have been placed around the area, and D&G Excavating will be completing repairs to the casting.

Dillon will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) Safety and Loss Control Workshop on April 9. Dillon also noted that his cataract surgery has been rescheduled for the following week, and he will be out of the office Wednesday, March 25 through Friday, March 27. Justin made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, seconded by Josh. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Accounts Payable**

Jenni presented the March 2026 Accounts Payable. Shantel made a motion to approve the Account Payable, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

### **Financial Report**

Jenni presented the financial reports for March 2026. Josh made a motion to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Shantel. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **City Clerk's Report**

Jenni DeRuyter reported that the Water Loss Ratio for February 2026 was -4%. The City billed residents for 498,000 gallons of water, while Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) billed the City for 520,000 gallons.

A year-to-date receipts and disbursements report was included in the Council packet. Discussion was held regarding a decrease in the garbage fund. The Council agreed to table further discussion until the next meeting to allow additional review of the reports. Justin made a motion to approve the City Clerk's Report, seconded by Shantel. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Legal Issues**

City Attorney John Engels reported that he has re-submitted the ordinances discussed at the previous meeting so they may be enforceable and ticketable, if necessary, in the future.

### **Old Business**

No items presented.

### **New Business**

Justin informed the Council that an individual, who wished to remain anonymous, expressed interest in purchasing City-owned lots to place a modular home. Discussion was held regarding the potential future use of these lots by the City.

The possibility of utilizing the lots for a larger City shop was discussed, particularly if the City were to receive a facility grant to assist with funding. After discussion, the Council determined that the City is not interested in selling the lots at this time.

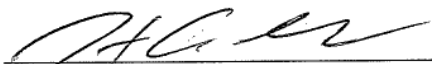
**Committee Reports:**


**Roads – Shantel & Josh:** No report at this time.

**EDA – Justin & David:** No report at this time.

**Adjournment**

Shantel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Josh seconded, and all were in favor.

  
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Mayor Justin Guggisberg

  
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City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter