

Minutes – Lynd City Council Minutes
August 19th, 2025

Public Hearing – Fencing Ordinance

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Jerry Sodemann, David Reaves, Josh Bruley, and Shantel Williams.

A short discussion was held. Mayor Guggisberg moved to suspend the special meeting, with a second by Councilman David Reaves.

Mayor Justin Guggisberg called the regular meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

The Council Minutes from July 15, 2025, were reviewed. Shantel proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Josh seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed, and the following changes were proposed: under Public Works, add item #3, "Discharging Outside of Window," and item #4, "Summer Position." Under Council Member Input, add the topic "County Property Issue" for Justin Guggisberg. Shantel Williams made a motion to approve the agenda with these proposed changes. David Reaves seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. The motion carried.

Public Forum

Duane and Kathy Burkard raised concerns about water issues on their property, supported by accompanying photos. Due to expected heavy rainfall this summer, additional drainage may be required. Options discussed include culverts, drainage tiles, and riprap. The City will contact D&G for potential solutions and pricing.

Council Member Input

Mayor Justin Guggisberg: reported an issue on a vacant county property where a cistern has caved in, leaving a large hole. A tree at the same location is also falling and is near several propane tanks. Dillon and Justin placed caution tape around the area, and the county will be contacted to determine how best to address the situation.

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 on recent department activity, including one first responder call. He noted that the Fire Relief Association is selling fire blankets for \$20.00, which provides an easy and accessible way to put out small fires in a home. A motion was brought forward to purchase one blanket for the community center using the soda fund. Shantel Williams made the motion, David Reaves seconded, and the motion carried with Josh Bruley and Justin Guggisberg abstaining.

Jason Algyer expressed interest in joining the fire department, bringing with him valuable experience and grant-writing skills. Shantel Williams made a motion to approve Jason's membership in the department, Josh Bruley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dillon also reported that Ambulance 811 has experienced significant mechanical issues, rendering it unusable until repairs are completed. He contacted five mechanics, but none were able to take on the work, as the repairs require removing the entire cab. The ambulance was taken to Kruse on Monday for repair, with an estimated cost of \$13,000.

In addition, Truck 829 failed its pump test again last month. The repair quote was \$3,300 plus travel costs, and no timeframe has been set for completing the work.

The department is also working on getting its newest fleet unit outfitted and will need a skid unit. A used skid unit is available for purchase from the City of Bertha for \$3,000. Two members will inspect the unit, as new units cost around \$24,000, and the other used units evaluated have not been in good condition.

David Reaves made a motion to approve the Fire Department report. Jerry Sodemann seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Report

Lyon County Sheriff Eric Wallen reported that the department responded to a total of eleven calls during the month of July. Shantel Williams made a motion to approve the Sheriff's report. Josh Bruley seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Public Works reported that the refrigerator in room 101A has stopped working and a replacement has been purchased from Patzer. Materials have been acquired to replace the old, worn-out pond gates, and new posts have been installed in preparation for the gate installation. Due to the recent heavy rainfall, it will be necessary to discharge the ponds outside the scheduled timeline. Dillon has been in contact with the MPCA and is following their guidelines. Although this will be recorded as a violation, many other communities are facing similar issues. Dillon has been conducting additional samplings to ensure that conditions remain as safe as possible, and Bolton & Menk will be kept updated on the situation. It was also noted that Brayden, the summer help employee, will conclude his employment before Labor Day. Justin made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, which Shantel seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Jenni presented the August 2025 Accounts Payable. Shantel made a motion to approve the bills, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

Financial Report

Jenni presented the financial reports for July 2025. David made a motion to approve the financial report, Shantel seconded, and all voted in favor.

City Clerk's Report

Jenni reported that the Water Loss Ratio for July 2025 was 7%. The city billed residents for 551,500 gallons, while LPRW billed the city for 480,000 gallons. Justin made a motion to approve the clerk's report. Shantel seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Legal Issues

The ongoing issue of stray cats in town was discussed. Letters have been sent regarding this matter, and it has been noted that these cats may have potential health problems that could pose a risk to other domestic animals if not addressed. The City Attorney, John Engels, was consulted for possible solutions. It was suggested that the best option would be to live-trap the cats and relocate them to a protected area at least fifteen miles outside the city. Additionally, replacement kennels, gloves and clothing will be provided for those used in transporting cats.

Justin suspended the regular meeting and re-opened the Public Hearing for the Fencing Ordinance. Shantel made a motion to adopt the Fencing Ordinance, which was seconded by Josh. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried. Justin then made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by David. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried. Justin re-opened the regular meeting.

Old Business

No items presented.

New Business

The council also held discussions regarding the proposed 2026 general budget. We will continue to work on this for next month's meeting.

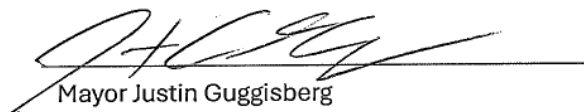
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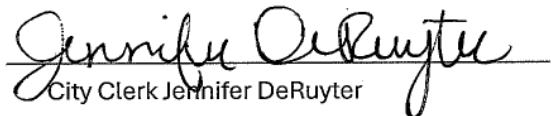
Roads – Shantel & Josh: The start time for the street project is currently unknown due to the recent rainfall.

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

Adjournment

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


Mayor Justin Guggisberg


City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter