

**Minutes – Lynd City Council Minutes
September 16th, 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.

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

Minutes

The Council Minutes from August 19th, 2025, were reviewed. Shantel proposed a motion to approve the minutes, Josh seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda:

David made a motion to approve the agenda. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Forum

Tom Blomme addressed the Council regarding zoning concerns. He noted that the trailer park is currently zoned R-1 and inquired about the process to have it rezoned to B-3.

Brian Novotny raised concerns about the high number of mosquitoes this year, likely due to excessive rainfall. He asked if the City would consider spraying mosquitoes. Council acknowledged that other residents have also raised this concern throughout the summer. It was noted that the City had previously explored spraying options but found them not feasible due to budget constraints. Council directed Public Works, Dillon, to review available options and obtain updated cost estimates for consideration at a future meeting.

Council Member Input

Mayor Justin Guggisberg: Council discussed concerns regarding traffic control signage at two intersections. It was noted that the Yield sign at River Street and Sharratt Street should be replaced with a Stop sign due to limited visibility and potential safety concerns. Additionally, the Stop sign at 3rd Street and East Railroad Street was identified as more appropriately a Yield sign, as East Railroad Street has the right of way at that intersection.

Mayor Justin proposed switching the existing signs to address these concerns without incurring the cost of purchasing new signage. Council voiced no objections, and consensus was to proceed with the proposed changes.

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

There have been no calls since the last council meeting. Budget concerns were discussed. The department budgets approximately \$2,000 per truck annually for maintenance and unexpected repairs; however, this year several major issues have significantly strained the budget.

- First Responder 811 required \$14,000 in repairs to return it to service.

- Unit 829 did not pass the pump test, necessitating repairs to bring it back into operation.
- Several heavy-duty batteries required replacement.
- Unit 830 must have its airbags replaced due to a leak that poses a serious safety risk. Failure of the airbags while in use could result in catastrophic injury. The estimated cost for replacement is approximately \$1,000.

Shantel made a motion to approve the Fire Department Report. David seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Law Enforcement Report

Lyon County Deputy Parker Hoffman reported that the department responded to a total of ten calls during the month of August. Justin made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Report. Josh seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Works Report

Dillon reported that the City was discharged outside of its permitted window; it did require additional testing to be completed during that time. He also noted that the new pond gate has been installed, providing the ability to secure the area. In addition, Dillon will be obtaining quotes for mosquito spraying/fogging for the Council's consideration. Shantel made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, which Jerry seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Accounts Payable

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

Financial Report

Jenni presented the financial reports for August 2025. Justin made a motion to approve the financial report, Josh seconded, and all voted in favor.

City Clerk's Report

Jenni reported that the Water Loss Ratio for August 2025 was 6%. The city billed residents for 509,000 gallons, while LPRW billed the city for 479,000 gallons. David made a motion to approve the clerk's report. Jerry seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.

Legal Issues

None presented at this time.

Old Business

D&G provided quotes to help address flooding issues at 107 Savannah Heights Blvd. After discussion, the Council determined it could not move forward with assisting, as the problem may stem from original construction, soil excavation, or landscaping. The City will send a letter to the homeowners informing them of this decision. If the homeowners wish to pursue the matter further, they may bring it before a future Council meeting.

Council received an update regarding the cat issue. Following removal efforts, only five cats remain at the property, and the property owner has removed approximately twenty. It was also noted that cats are residing in an abandoned county property, which may need to be addressed to prevent the issue from recurring.

Council further discussed the possibility of including a notice on utility bills reminding residents not to feed Ostray animals, in order to protect the safety and health of domesticated animals within the City.

New Business

Tom Blomme presented two building permit applications for Council review.

- **Driveway Approach:** The first permit was for the construction of a cement driveway approach to his lots. Justin made a motion to approve the permit. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- **Garage at 116 Willow Street:** The second permit was for the construction of a garage on a vacant lot at 116 Willow Street. Council determined that additional information is needed, including a detailed cost breakdown and a more complete, size-appropriate drawing, before action can be taken.

Council discussed the purchase of new vinyl street banners measuring approximately 36 inches in length. Proposed designs include winter holiday themes and patriotic themes for summer, both featuring "City of Lynd." Council noted that Christmas decorations have been brought up in the past, and this option provides a budget-friendly way to enhance community appearance and create a more welcoming environment.

The cost per banner is \$48.50, with the bracket system priced at \$117.50 each. A proposal was made to purchase 10 banners and bracket systems from AP Design, consisting of two designs—one holiday-themed and one summer-themed. Justin made a motion to approve the purchase. Shantel seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The 2026 Proposed Budget was required to be set at this meeting, as it must be submitted to the County by the end of September. Council discussed the budget, which is currently set at 12.2%. It was noted that once the preliminary levy is adopted, the percentage cannot be increased but may be reduced prior to final adoption.

Council discussed setting the preliminary levy at 12.2% and continuing to review the budget closely over the next several months with the goal of reducing it. Justin made a motion to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget at 12.2%. Shantel seconded the motion. David opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

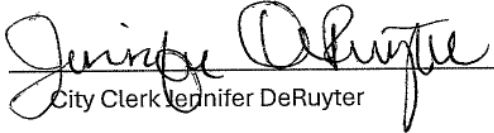
Roads – Shantel & Josh:

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

Adjournment

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


Mayor Justin Guggisberg


City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter