

**Lynd City Council Minutes**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

The Lynd City Council met in regular session on April 21st, 2026. Present were Mayor Justin Guggisberg; Councilmembers Jerry Sodemann, David Reaves, Josh Bruley, and Shantel Williams. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon Schultz, City Clerk/Treasurer Jenni DeRuyter, and City Attorney John Engels.

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

**Minutes**

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

The agenda was reviewed with several additions and revisions. Under New Business, Savannah Oaks Liquor License was added as Item B, and Paving with Precision Paving was added as Item C. Under Old Business, a Historic Site item was added. Chuck Fennell was moved to the Public Forum, and Bolton & Menk was moved to Item B. David made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Shantel. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.

**Public Forum**

Chuck Fennell addressed the Council regarding street lighting on Savannah Heights Blvd., noting that the area is especially dark near the curve by Cottonwood Cove. He also stated that residents had previously been informed that additional streetlights would be installed. Following discussion, the Council agreed to obtain an estimate from Monte Electric for the installation of additional streetlights in that area. Mr. Fennell also inquired about the possibility of adding an outdoor pickleball court. The Council discussed the request and tabled the matter for consideration at a later date.

Jordan with Bolton & Menk presented to the Council on the potential benefits of pursuing wastewater treatment regionalization with the City of Ghent, with representatives from Ghent also present. He explained that the City would need to complete a regionalization analysis to move forward and that, if the Council chooses to pursue regionalization, the current plan for constructing an additional sewer pond would need to be amended. Jordan noted that while the overall project cost for a regionalized system may be higher than constructing a single pond, the likelihood of securing grant funding would also be significantly greater, and that a Joint Powers Agreement between the two cities would be required. It was also noted that discussions would need to begin with landowners between Lynd and Ghent to determine interest in selling land for the potential project. The cost of the regionalization analysis would be split evenly between the City of Ghent and the City of Lynd, with each city responsible for \$10,500. Justin made a motion to proceed with the

regionalization option and to complete the regionalization analysis, seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### **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 three first responder calls and five fire calls since the last Council meeting, with the majority of the fire calls being mutual aid. He also noted that they are waiting for the side of the grass rig to be completed, which will be installed by volunteers. Shantel made a motion to approve the Fire Department Report, seconded by David; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### **Law Enforcement Report**

Lyon County Sheriff Department reported that the department responded to a total of twelve calls for service during the month of March. Shantel made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Report. David seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

#### **Public Works Report**

Dillon Schultz reported that RDO Equipment Co. inspected the payloader last week following a malfunction. After extensive troubleshooting, it was determined that the machine had two control harness, which it should not have had. One control harness was removed, which will change the way the buttons operate on the payloader.

The City received an estimate from Bladholm Construction for the shop wall repair. The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust awarded the repair to Sussner Construction. Dillon Schultz will contact Sussner Construction to schedule the repair.

Dillon Schultz also reported issues with his laptop and monitors. After working with Jenni to troubleshoot, they contacted Ryan's Computer and were informed that the monitors are over 15 years old and cannot be repaired. Additionally, the laptop is no longer capable of supporting Windows upgrades, posing a security risk. A new laptop has been purchased from Ryan's Computer.

Electric Pump completed the annual inspection of the lift station. They recommend vacing each one out on a regular basis to keep fats, oil & grease from building up. Thus, improving lift station function and longevity. A faucet in the 4-plex broke; however, the issue was more extensive than initially expected. ET Plumbing completed the necessary repairs. The resident also requested removal of the garbage disposal, which ET Plumbing indicated can be easily completed.

Josh made a motion to approve the Public Works Report, seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Accounts Payable**

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

### **Financial Report**

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

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

Jenni DeRuyter reported that the water loss ratio for March 2026 was -9%, with the City billing residents for 400,000 gallons of water while Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water billed the City for 440,000 gallons. She also discussed ongoing issues with expired soda products through The Coca-Cola Company, noting that the City is currently required to purchase five flats during winter months and ten flats during the remainder of the year, which exceeds demand and results in product expiring before use (approximately three months for bottles and nine months for cans). Both Coca-Cola and PepsiCo were contacted and can offer a full-service option in which the company would handle maintenance, stocking, ordering, and collection of funds, with the City receiving quarterly payments if revenue exceeds product costs. After discussion, the Council directed staff to continue with Coca-Cola at this time and revisit the issue in a few months if problems persist.

Jenni also reported that First Independent Bank has changed its FDIC insurance structure and will now use a separate company to cover any balances exceeding \$250,000. The City does not have the option to opt out; this information was provided for Council awareness.

The City Office printer has been experiencing additional issues. Dave with Office One completed repairs but noted that the printer is aging and replacement parts are becoming more difficult and costly to obtain. Two replacement options were presented: a 63-month lease at \$97.00 per month, which includes service, or an outright purchase for \$3,565.00 with an annual service contract of \$267.00 (subject to change). The City is currently paying \$66.00 per month for a service contract. After discussion, Josh made a motion to lease a printer from Office One for \$97.00 per month for 63 months, seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The garbage fund was also discussed, including a review of receipts and disbursements. It was noted that the fund has been consistently operating at a loss and adjustments are needed to maintain it as a self-sustaining enterprise fund. Justin made a motion to discontinue allocating a portion of Dillon's wages to the garbage fund and instead allocate the 10% to the General Fund, and to increase garbage rates by \$1.00 per can. The motion was seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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**

No items presented.

### **Old Business**

Justin reported that he has been working with Southwest Minnesota State University to secure an internship opportunity; however, there has been no interest to date. He will follow up with Jennifer at the Lyon County Museum regarding potential options moving forward.

### **New Business**

A building permit for Hal Meyer to construct a detached garage was presented. Justin made a motion to approve the building permit, seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A liquor license renewal for Savannah Oaks Golf Course was presented for approval. The license is unchanged from previous years. Shantel made a motion to approve the liquor license for Savannah Oaks Golf Course, seconded by Josh; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Dillon Schultz reported that he has been completing street patching; however, approximately 250 pounds of patch material has been applied with minimal improvement. He contacted Precision Paving Solutions of Pipestone to address the needed repairs. The Council reviewed the estimate and photos of the areas requiring repair. Justin made a motion to approve the estimate from Precision Paving Solutions to complete the repairs, excluding the Goat Trail area, seconded by Shantel; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

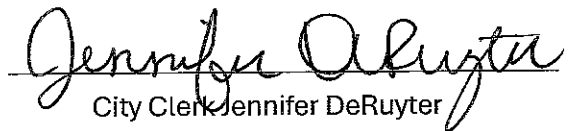
**EDA – Justin & David:** No report at this time.

### **Adjournment**

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter