

Lynd City Council Minutes

July 21st

The Lynd City Council met in regular session on July 21, 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 June 16th, 2026, meeting. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Council Member Shantel. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed, with one addition under Public Works, Item No. 6, *Crack Filling*. Josh made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Shantel seconded the motion. Upon a vote, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Forum

Dustin Branstner expressed interest in purchasing Parcel No. 26-023001-1 in Affinity Hills. He inquired about City ordinances related to the types of structures permitted on the property and asked about the covenants associated with the development.

Discussion followed regarding the distinction between City ordinances and private covenants. It was explained that the City is responsible for enforcing only the provisions of the City Code. The covenants for Affinity Hills are recorded with the county recorder's office, and the City is not responsible for administering or enforcing them.

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 had responded to four first responder calls, two fire calls, and two mutual aid calls since the last Council meeting. He also reported that repairs had been completed on Truck 816, including replacement of the turbo boot and work on the fuel management system. However, after the trailer was attached, additional issues were identified, and further inspection revealed that the turbocharger would need to be replaced at an estimated cost of approximately \$2,400. Dillon also noted that the annual Burger Burn would be held on

Monday, July 27. David made a motion to approve the Fire Department report. Jerry seconded the motion. Upon a vote, 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 five calls for service during the month of June. Shantel also asked if the speed trailer could be set up when school started by the playground. 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 summer employee sustained an injury during hockey practice that required surgery. As a result, he was temporarily away from work and, upon returning, was restricted to lifting no more than five pounds for two weeks. Dillon also reported that the Affinity Hills lift station continues to experience issues with the auto dialer system. He would like to continue troubleshooting the problem before pursuing other options.

The Toolcat has been delivered and has performed well, with no slipping while mowing and no overheating during periods of hot weather. Dillon reported that the pull-behind mower approved for purchase from Runnings was found to be in poor condition, with flat tires and signs of rust. Although the unit was new, Runnings offered only a \$300 discount. That the model could not be reordered. An alternative mower was identified through DR Power Equipment at a cost of \$3,299. Although the price is higher than the mower from Runnings, the Toolcat purchase came in approximately \$1,500 under budget. The mower features a 60-inch deck with adjustable cutting heights. Justin made a motion to approve the purchase of the mower for \$3,299. Shantel seconded the motion. David opposed the motion, and the remaining members voted in favor. The motion carried.

Dillon also reported that lead and copper sampling must be completed by five residents and that he is currently working with those residents to obtain the required samples. In addition, a resident expressed concerns regarding cracks in the pavement on Kindler Circle. Photographs of the affected areas were displayed, and the Council discussed obtaining an estimate from Precision Paving and considering the project as part of the 2027 budget process.

David made a motion to approve the Public Works report. Jerry seconded the motion. Upon a vote, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Jenni presented the July 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 June 2026. Justin 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 June 2026 was -4.5%, with the City billing residents for 572,972 gallons of water while Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water billed the City for 548,000 gallons.

Jenni also informed the Council that the transfer of funds to the individual accounts has not yet been completed because the bank statements have not been fully reconciled. Auditor Sara Oberloh is scheduled to review the accounts on Wednesday.

In addition, Jenni presented a Community Center Use Agreement that would apply to non—profit organizations using the facility without paying a rental fee. The agreement would establish expectations and provide the City with recourse in the event of significant damages or cleaning costs.

Josh made a motion to approve the City Clerk's report. David seconded the motion. Upon a vote, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Legal Issues

None at this time.

Old Business

Justin reported that he has been working with Judy and Jennifer from the Lyon County Museum regarding the historical items previously housed by the City. Several items have been transferred to the museum, and Judy has been contacting individuals who loaned items to determine how they would like them handled moving forward.

New Business

The proposed 2027 budgets for the water, sewer, garbage, utility surcharge, and EDA townhome funds were presented to the Council. It was noted that these funds are self-sustaining. The Council will continue reviewing the budgets during next month's meeting.

The Council also reviewed the current fee schedule. Following discussion, the Council agreed to remove the fees associated with garbage bag sales and copies from the fee schedule.

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, Jerry seconded, and all were in favor.


Mayor Justin Guggisberg
City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter