

Lynd City Council Minutes
June 16th, 2026

The Lynd City Council met in regular session on June 16, 2026. Present were Mayor Justin Guggisberg; Councilmembers Jerry Sodemann, Josh Bruley, and Shantel Williams. Also present were Public Works Director Dillon Schultz and City Clerk/Treasurer Jenni DeRuyter. 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 May 19th, 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 New Business, the discussion regarding overgrown branches on South River Street was added as Item D. Under the Public Works Report, an update regarding Enviro Pump's lift station cleaning services was added. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Forum

None.

Council Member Input

Mayor Justin Guggisberg: Mayor Guggisberg reported that the protective plastic film on the display board was too damaged for Riley to repair. The City will replace it when it becomes too cloudy to see through clearly.

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 four first responder calls and one fire call since the last Council meeting. Chief Schultz also reported that Truck 816 is in need of new injectors and a turbo boot. The mechanic indicated that the necessary repairs could be completed next week at an estimated cost of approximately \$2,600. Malachai Ortega expressed interest in joining the Lynd Fire Department. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve Malachai Ortega as a probationary member of the Lynd Fire Department. Councilman Sodemann seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Chief Schultz announced that the annual Burger Burn will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at the Fire Station. Mayor Guggisberg made a motion to approve the Fire Department Report. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Law Enforcement Report

Lyon County Sheriff Department Adam Connor reported that the department responded to a total of 20 calls for service during the month of May. Shantel made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Report. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Dillon Schultz reported that two new phone lines have been installed to the control panel at the City Shop lift station. Dillon also reported that the new street lights previously approved by the Council for the west end of Savannah Heights Boulevard have been ordered from Monte Electric. The City successfully passed its second pre-discharge testing attempt. In addition, several irrigation meters have recently been installed throughout the community. Enviro pump visited this week to perform a deep cleaning of the City's lift stations. The stations were thoroughly power washed and vacuumed as part of the maintenance process.

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

Accounts Payable

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

Financial Report

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

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Jenni DeRuyter reported that the water loss ratio for May 2026 was -6%, with the City billing residents for 471,430 gallons of water while Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water billed the City for 504,000 gallons. Jenni also presented a draft letter to be sent to landowners identified by Bolton & Menk as owners of properties being considered as potential locations for the proposed regional wastewater treatment project. The draft letter has also been provided to the City of Ghent for review and approval. Following discussion, the Council asked to revise the letter to include a requested response date and to note that both the City of Lynd and the City of Ghent are working with Bolton & Menk as the engineering firm for their respective wastewater improvement projects.

Shantel made a motion to approve the City Clerk's Report. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Legal Issues

No report at this time.

Old Business

Public Works Director Dillon Schultz presented updated equipment quotes from Kibble Equipment and Sterling Equipment. Kibble submitted an updated quote for a John Deere 3046R Compact Utility Tractor and Loader equipped with a snow blower, mower, and pallet forks. Sterling Equipment submitted an updated quote for a Bobcat Toolcat UA56 equipped with a bucket, land plane, mower, snow blower, and pallet forks. The Council discussed the need to replace the City's current tractor, noting that it has experienced ongoing electrical, fuel system, and hydraulic issues over the past several years. It was also noted that both vendors are currently offering favorable trade-in values, which could decrease if additional mechanical problems occur. Mayor Guggisberg also presented information on a pull-behind finishing mower available through Runnings. Following discussion, Mayor Guggisberg made a motion to purchase the Bobcat Toolcat UA56 and the pull-behind finishing mower, with funding allocated as follows: \$60,901.10 from the Capital Streets Fund, \$7,000 from the EDA Fund, \$2,000 from the Sewer Fund, and \$2,632.92 from the Water Fund. Shantel seconded the motion. Josh, Jerry, Shantel and Justin voted in favor. David sent email that he opposed the the motion. The motion carried.

Justin reported that he has been working with Jennifer and Paul from the Lyon County Museum, along with former volunteer coordinator Judy Klatt, to preserve items from the Lynd Historical Site. Several items have been transported to the museum, where they are being cataloged and stored in a climate-controlled environment to help ensure their long-term preservation. Jennifer also plans to incorporate some of the items into museum displays, while others may be displayed at the Lynd Community Center. Judy has been assisting with identifying items and connecting with individuals who may have ties to them. It was noted that all items currently housed at the Lyon County Museum are on loan and remain the property of the City of Lynd. During the discussion, the Council expressed interest in establishing a donation agreement form, similar to the one used by the Lyon County Museum, for items donated to the City. Jenni stated that she would prepare a draft agreement for future Council review.

New Business

Donald and Bev Braun submitted a building permit application for the construction of a new deck on their property. After reviewing the application, Shantel made a motion to approve the building permit. Josh seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Justin reported that he had been approached by the school regarding the possibility of using the Lynd Community Center for future School Board meetings. The Council discussed the request and agreed that, while the Community Center is intended to be a gathering place for community members and local events, the space is not the best fit for regular School Board meetings at this time.

City Clerk Jenni presented the proposed USPS land lease renewal agreement to the Council. The current lease does not expire until 2028; however, the United States Postal Service, through its representative JLL, initiated negotiations for a long-term renewal. Under the proposed agreement, the City would be responsible for paying the lease commission. Following negotiations, the annual

rental rate was set at \$4,100 beginning May 1, 2028. The agreement also includes two additional five-year renewal terms. The annual rent for the period of May 1, 2033, through April 30, 2038, will be \$4,310, and the annual rent for the period of May 1, 2038, through April 30, 2043, will be \$4,530, representing a 5% increase with each renewal term. The City will continue to be responsible for lawn care and snow removal. Shantel made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the term beginning May 1, 2028, and ending April 30, 2043. Justin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports:

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

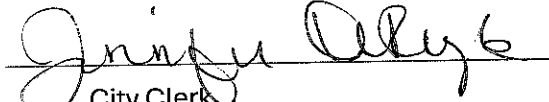
EDA – Justin & David: No report at this time.

Adjournment

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



City Clerk