

Lynd City Council Minutes

May 19th, 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 April 21st 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 and revisions. Under Council Member Input, Mayor Justin Guggisberg added the Riley quote for cleaning the outdoor display board. Under Old Business, "and Project" was added to the Lynd Historic Site Update item. Under Public Works, Item #10, Trees at Willow/St. Albans, was added. David made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 was never removed from the outdoor display board plexiglass before it was exposed to the sun. As a result, the plastic can no longer be peeled off easily and has caused the plexiglass to appear discolored and fuzzy. Riley Guggisberg offered to remove and clean the plastic from the board for \$100.00. Shantel made a motion to have Riley clean the board for \$100.00. David seconded the motion. Mayor Guggisberg abstained from voting. The remaining council members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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 one first responder call, one fire call, and one mutual aid call since the last Council meeting. Truck 815 was taken to Pumps for an alignment and additional maintenance work. Truck 828 will be undergoing pump testing soon. Shantel made a motion to approve the Fire Department Report. Jerry seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Law Enforcement Report

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was not present.

Public Works Report

Precision Paving completed the mill work. Additional milling was needed near Willow Street and St. Albans Street due to the condition of the asphalt. It was noted that completing only the originally quoted work would not have provided the long-term integrity needed for the project.

The salter would not start when it was being put away for the season. Matt Thompson looked it over and determined that the motor appears to be shot and the pistons are seized. A replacement motor from Pete's Small Engine is estimated to cost around \$1,100. It was noted that purchasing a used motor would not be recommended, as it could lead to additional issues.

BNSF completed the ground work at 235th crossing, including the track and asphalt work. The crossing arms have not been completed at this time. Since BNSF completed the surface asphalt work, they are requesting that the City cover half of the total bill of \$18,600. MnDOT has informed the City that a lump sum grant has been awarded to help cover this cost. Jenni will follow up on this matter.

The City had a Bobcat Toolcat demo to review possible equipment options, as there have been ongoing issues with the current tractor. The current quote for the Toolcat is \$70,659.50. The City also received a quote from Kibble Equipment for a new John Deere tractor in the amount of \$62,521.54. The quote includes a belly mower, forks, and bucket, and both quotes include a trade-in for the City's current tractor. There is also an option to add a finishing mower. After discussion, the Council agreed to table the item until the next meeting.

Sussner Construction completed the repair work on the City shop following damage caused by the payloader malfunction.

RDO repaired the payloader's wiring issues. Since the issue was related to the equipment design and was not caused by City use, RDO will not be charging the City for the service call.

Little Red had several chips in the windshield. Murray repaired the chips for approximately \$65.

The phone for the lift station has not been working properly. Woodstock is scheduled to come on Friday to install two new wires, which should resolve the issue.

The City received two quotes from Monte Electric for adding additional street lights in Affinity Hills. The first quote was for adding three lights along Savannah Heights Boulevard in the amount of \$14,576.82. The second quote was for adding two lights along Savannah Heights Boulevard between Burr Oak Loop in the amount of \$10,198.54. After discussion, Justin made a motion to move forward with the three lights at this time and include the two additional lights in the 2027 budget. Shantel seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Dillon noticed several large branches falling near Willow Street and St. Albans Street. Since many children use that area, it had become a safety concern. Brian's Tree Service removed both trees to help prevent any future safety issues.

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

Accounts Payable

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

City Clerk's Report

Jenni DeRuyter reported that the water loss ratio for April 2026 was -2% , with the City billing residents for 508,000 gallons of water while Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water billed the City for 498,000 gallons.

Shantel made a motion to approve the City Clerk's Report, seconded by Josh; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Legal Issues

John did let the council know that he will not be at the June meeting.

Old Business

Justin met with Jennifer and Paul from the Lyon County Museum regarding the historic site. The Museum has agreed to remove items of historical importance from the site and either display them or store them for the City in a climate-controlled environment. It was noted that the City may need to purchase a waterproof storage bag for certain items. Any items that can be returned to their original owners will be returned.

It was also noted that much of the outdoor equipment, including the thresher, has been sitting in place for an extended period of time and is beginning to sink into the ground. One option discussed was installing railroad ties and crushed concrete to create a pad under the equipment to help prevent further settling. The estimated cost for this work was \$2,183.76.

After discussion, the Council determined that Josh will contact Hanley Falls to see if they are interested in taking the thresher. The Council decided not to move forward with creating a pad for the equipment at this time.

Bolton & Menk provided an update on possible locations for the sewer pond project if the City moves forward with regionalization with Ghent. The proposed locations were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that Jenni will work with Dawn to contact the landowners and gather additional information.

New Business

Larvita McFarquhar submitted a building permit application for the replacement of a deck at 107 North River Street. After discussion, the Council determined that a building permit was not required, as the deck is replacing an existing structure and is not considered a new structure.

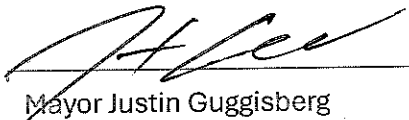
Committee Reports:

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

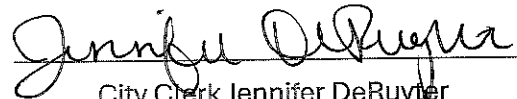
EDA – Justin & David: No report at this time.

Adjournment

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



Mayor Justin Guggisberg



City Clerk Jennifer DeRuyter