

# CITY OF LYNDEN



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2024

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the June 17, 2024 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the city's council chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

### OATH OF OFFICE

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilors Gary Bode, Gary Vis, Nick Laninga, Kyle Strengholt and Mark Wohlrab.

Members absent: Councilors Beld and Lenssen.

Staff present: Public Works Director Jon Hutchings, City Clerk Pam Brown, and City Administrator John Williams.

### SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS – None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Councilor Vis moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded, to approve the June 3, 2024 regular council minutes. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.*

### CITIZEN COMMENT – None.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

Award Bid for New Maintenance Facility – 508 Riverview Road

*Motion made by Councilor Bode seconded by Councilor Strengholt to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved 5-0.*

### 3. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.



## 5. NEW BUSINESS- None.

## 6. REPORTS

Finance committee member Councilor Strengholt reported discussion of the following:

- Payroll
- Police and fire department OT hours have significantly increased
- Sales tax revenue for May was below project budgeted amounts
- Claims are now paid on a weekly basis
- Review of the monthly finance report

Public Safety committee member Councilor Wohrab reported discussion of the following:

- Jail interlocal
- Police department consideration of possible incentives and/or hiring bonuses.
- Possibility of transporting patients to Peace Health facility in Lynden
- Safer Grant
- Four part-time firefighters have been hired
- Spike in number of thefts in Lynden
- Hiring for the records specialist position is ongoing
- Some police officers are now equipped with body cameras while others are in training

Public Works committee member Councilor Bode reviewed the draft public works committee minutes that were included as a part of the council packet.

Parks committee member Gary Vis reported discussion of the following:

- Master planning for Benson Barn and Schoolyard Park
- Current construction occurring in Schoolyard Park
- Shop addition project at Bender Fields
- Tractor Club project at Berthusen Park and the possibility of the city supplying some labor
- 2025 Parks budget
- How to fund maintenance costs related to the park lands already in place in Lynden

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.



## 8. ADJOURNMENT

June 17, 2024 regular session of the Lynden city council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Pamela D. Brown, City Clerk

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Scott Korthuis, Mayor

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