

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



August 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the August 1, 2022 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. at the city's council chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis, Councilors Gary Bode, Ron De Valois, Brent Lenssen, Nick Laninga, Mark Wohlrab, and Kyle Strengholt.

Members absent: Councilor Kuiken absent with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Parks Director Brent DeRuyter, Public Works Director Steve Banham, City Clerk Pam Brown, and City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

OATH OF OFFICE- None

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Korthuis announced that the Tractor Show is on this weekend and that they are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bode moved, and Councilor Wohlrab seconded to approve the July 18, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved on 6-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Lynden Chamber Director Gary Vis, 518 Front Street, Lynden spoke to council concerning UTV vehicles and if the city had plans to permit these vehicles.

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2. CONSENT AGENDA

Payroll Liability to July 3 through July 16, 2022

EFT & Other Liabilities

Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT	\$589,301.45
Check Liability	\$1,30.88
Total Non-L&I Liabilities	\$590,332.23
Quarterly Liabilities	\$13,308.36

Total EFT & Other Liabilities **\$604,140.69**

Payroll Liability to July 17 through July 30, 2022

EFT & Other Liabilities

Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT	\$278,746.08
Check Liability	\$221,593.17
Total Non-L&I Liabilities	\$500,339.25
Quarterly Liabilities	\$13517.07

Total EFT & Other Liabilities **\$513,856.32**

Approval of Claims – August 2, 2022

Manual Warrants No.	=		through	=		\$0.00
EFT Payment Pre-Pays						\$0.00
					Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$0.00
Voucher Warrants No.	25168		through	25224		\$126,806.85
EFT Payments						\$0.00
					Sub Total	\$126,806.85
					Total Accts. Payable	\$126,806.85

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.



3. PUBLIC HEARING - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The City is considering adopting an ordinance that would prohibit camping in public spaces and simultaneously amending LMC 12.24 related to park rules. Legal counsel drafted the initial language to ensure compliance with State code and provide consistency with current case law. The text was then reviewed in multiple council committees.

On July 5, 2022, the City Council set the public hearing to occur on July 18, 2022. Subsequently staff received feedback from Council and community members which has been reflected in the attached draft.

On July 18th, the City Council held a public hearing to collect comment. The ordinance was reviewed at the Parks Committee meeting. Minor revisions to the ordinance have been made per their comments. These changes primarily related to park hours of operation and to correct references to other sections of the municipal code. Council is now asked to consider making a final decision on the ordinance.

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 1649 amending LMC 12.24 and adding LMC 12.40 which regulates certain activities in City Parks and other sensitive areas owned by the City and also authorize the Mayor's signature on the document.

Councilor Wohlrab moved to amend Ordinance No. 1649 by striking out item number 14 in section 12.24.040, motion seconded by Councilor Lenssen. Motion approved 6-0.

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 1649 amending LMC 12.24 and striking item No. 14 of 12.24.040, adding LMC 12.40 which regulates certain activities in City Parks and other sensitive areas owned by the City and to also authorize the Mayor's signature on the document. Motion approved 6-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS - None



6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor De Valois reporting for the Parks Committee:

- Bench at Dickinson Park
- Turf for Benson Park and the astronomical costs
- SHKS meeting regarding the Barn
- Dickinson Park forest inventory update
- Double Ditch speeding issue, making entry pedestrian only
- Automated locks installation
- Berthusen Park sign awaiting WC approval
- Use of E-Bikes and safety concerns for those walking on park trails.

Council discussed E-Bike classifications and workable solutions for safeguarding riders and pedestrians that share use of park trails. Council also approved posting educational and speed limit signs on the trails. City Attorney Bob Carmichael asked Park's Department staff to submit proposed sign language for legal review before posting the signs.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to for discussion and consideration of qualifications of an applicant for public employment per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) with an expectation of no council action when reconvening at 7:45 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The August 1, 2022, regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Pamela D. Brown
City Clerk

Scott Korthuis
Mayor