

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



March 3, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the March 3, 2025 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilors Gary Bode, Gary Vis, Brent Lenssen, Kyle Strengtholt, and Mark Wohlrab.

Members absent: Councilors Beld and Laninga absent with notice.

Staff present: Community Development Director Heidi Gudde, Finance Director Laura Scholl, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Jon Hutchings, City Clerk Pam Brown, City Administrator John Williams, and City Attorney Bob Carmichael.

OATH OF OFFICE – None.

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vis moved and Councilor Lenssen seconded, to approve the February 18, 2025 regular council minutes. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Cynthia Ripke-Kutsagoitz, Lynden

- Charter Review
- Whatcom Conservation District
- General housing issues
- Land acquisition for U.S. Border crossing development

2. CONSENT

Schoolyard Park Restroom Design Proposal

The Parks department proposed and reviewed the ability to provide a restroom facility at Schoolyard Park due to the growing list of amenities on site and the lack of facilities for the

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community to use in the area if they are visiting the park. Greg Robinson (GRA) responded with a proposal for the design project to match the overall themes of the other two structures that he also designed with great success.

Award Bid for Pepin Creek/Pine Street Bridge – *Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Reichardt & Ebe Engineering – Pine Street Bridge CM– *Item was pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Reichardt & Ebe Engineering – 1st and Main Street Overlay

Reichardt & Ebe Engineering shall provide design and related documents for the resurfacing of the roadway at 1st Street and Main Street. The contract cost shall not exceed \$55,559.

Pacific Surveying & Engineering – Riverview Road Extension

Pacific Surveying & Engineering shall provide consulting services related to the potential project to extend Riverview Road from Hannegan Road to Hampton Road. Work will include a study of the feasibility of permitting, designing, and constructing this roadway extension. The contract cost shall not exceed \$53,371.

Pacific Surveying & Engineering – Hannegan/Riverview

Pacific Surveying & Engineering shall provide consulting services related to the potential project to construct a northbound left-turn lane on Hannegan Road at Riverview Road. Work will conclude with a report of findings related to the permit process and a technical letter providing the rough order of magnitude for construction cost of this project. The contract cost shall not exceed \$35,335.

Councilor Vis moved and Councilor Strengholt seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.

Councilor Vis moved, Councilor Strengholt seconded to table the award bid for Pepin Creek/Pine Street Bridge and the Reichardt & Ebe Pine Street Bridge agreement to the March 17, 2025 council meeting. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 25-1707, Annexation of Gosal Farms Property

On September 3, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution 24-1103, a resolution of intent to annex the Gosal Farms property. Located at 8700 Double Ditch Road, this agricultural property is contiguous and adjacent to incorporated portions of the City of Lynden including

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the Benson Park property and recently annexed Weg Property. The 21.3 acres of the Gosal Farms property is associated with the infrastructure of the Pepin Lite plan. Per the Pepin Creek Subarea plan it is slated to join the city with a zoning category of Residential Mixed Density (RMD). A category that allows single-family and duplex housing types. After the Council voted its intention to annex, the city submitted a complete Notice of Intention to the Whatcom County Boundary Review Board which was accepted for filing on December 17, 2024. The subsequent 45-day review period was completed without comment on January 30, 2025.

Councilor Lenssen moved and Councilor Wohlrab seconded, to approve the Ordinance 25-1707 annexing the Gosal Farms property and associated right-of ways as depicted and described in Exhibit A, and to authorize the Mayor's signature on the document. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS – None.

6. REPORTS

Berthusen Park Annual Report for 2024.

Councilor Vis reviewed draft Parks Committee meeting minutes which were included in the council packet.

Mayor Korthuis reminded Council of the decision to postpone the fluoride discussion until the April 21, 2025 council meeting to ensure that all members can be present.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

March 3, 2025 regular session of the Lynden city council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Pamela Brown, City Clerk

Scott Korthuis, Mayor