

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



January 3, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the January 3, 2023 regular session of the Lynden city council at 7:00 p.m. at the city's council chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilors Gary Bode, Ron De Valois, Gerald Kuiken, Brent Lenssen, Nick Laninga, and Mark Wohlrab.

Members absent: Councilor Strengholt absent with notice.

Staff present: Parks Director Brent DeRuyter, City Administrator John Williams, and City Clerk Pam Brown.

OATH OF OFFICE – None

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Wohlrab moved, and Councilor Kuiken seconded to approve the December 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Motion approved on 6-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Chamber Director, Gary Vis, Front Street, Lynden

Mr. Vis provided Council with a brief overview of the 2022 year for Chamber of Commerce outcomes.

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Some items he discussed were:

- Sales tax revenue origination and numbers
- The number of people visiting the Lynden area
- Social media numbers
- Importance of community connection on local business relationships
- The upcoming need to fill the position for an Event Coordinator

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Payroll Liability to December 18 through December 31, 2022

EFT & Other Liabilities

Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT	\$565,574.17
Check Liability	\$0.00
Total Non-L&I Liabilities	\$565,574.17
Quarterly Liabilities	\$15,626.67
Total EFT & Other Liabilities	\$581,200.84

Approval of Claims – December 31, 2022 (Period 13)

Manual Warrants No.	=	through	=		\$0.00
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$2,240.60
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$2,240.60
Voucher Warrants No.	26352	through	26409		\$353,083.57
EFT Payments					\$203,417.87
				Sub Total	\$556,501.44
				Total Accts. Payable	\$558,742.04

Motion made by Councilor De Valois seconded by Councilor Bode to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved 5-0 with Councilor Laninga abstaining.

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3. PUBLIC HEARING- None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Council De Valois read the following into the official record:

The property the City of Lynden recently acquired from the Lynden School District needs to be officially named. I am proposing this park property be called Schoolyard Park in view of the long history related to this property. For reasons of simplicity, schoolyard should be one word. Several of Lynden's parks are named to reflect the history that lies behind the property. It's a practice Lynden should continue. This is significant community to name this four-acre parcel of land Schoolyard Park.

Motion made by Councilor De Valois, seconded by Councilor Bode to name the property purchased from the Lynden School District, Schoolyard Park. Motion approved 6-0.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The January 3, 2023, regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Pamela D. Brown, City Clerk

Scott Korthuis, Mayor