

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



September 18, 2023

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the September 18, 2023 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the city's council chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilors Gary Bode, Ron De Valois, Nick Laninga, Kyle Strengholt and Mark Wohlrab.

Members absent: Councilor Kuiken and Lenssen absent with notice.

Staff present: Police Chief Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Jon Hutchings, City Clerk Pam Brown, City Administrator John Williams, and City Attorney Luke Phifer.

OATH OF OFFICE – None.

### SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Wohlrab seconded to approve the September 5, 2023, regular council meeting minutes. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.*

### CITIZEN COMMENT

Gloria Bode, Cascade Lane, Lynden,  
Candy Hoksbergen, Greenfield Lane, Lynden,  
Elisha Wyatt, Brookfield Court, Lynden,  
Betty VanDyken, Pangborn Road, Lynden,  
Kush Brar, Lynden,  
Becki Taylor, Golfview Drive, Lynden

each of the above spoke in opposition to hydrofluorosilicic acid, an additive to the city's water supply. This group also requests that city council consider discontinuation of fluoridization of the city's municipal water supply.

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## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

### Payroll Liability for September 10 through September 23, 2023

#### EFT & Other Liabilities

#### Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT .....	\$400,497.98
Check Liability .....	\$0.00
Total Non-L&I Liabilities .....	\$400,497.98
Quarterly Liabilities .....	\$13,325.14
<b>Total EFT &amp; Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$413,823.12</b>

### Approval of Claims – September 19, 2023

Manual Warrants No.	<u>27985</u>	through	<u>24985</u>		\$0.00
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$0.00
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$0.00
Voucher Warrants No.	<u>28323</u>	through	<u>25437</u>		\$2,061,069.30
EFT Payments					\$91,330.86
				Sub Total	\$2,152,400.16
				Total Accounts Payable	\$2,152,400.16

RES-23-1080 Request to Cancel Checks

ORD-23-1673 Amendment to the 2023 Budget

Set Public Hearing – Parking Agreement with P2H, LLC

***Motion made by Councilor De Valois, seconded by Councilor Strengholt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved 5-0.***

**3. PUBLIC HEARING - None**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**5. NEW BUSINESS - None**

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### 6. REPORTS

Councilor Wohlrab, Public Safety Committee, reported discussion of the following:

- All out stats supplied for September were based on calls received during the NW WA Fair (August).
- Creation of the BWC (body worn cameras) protocol continues. The training is expected to be complete in early October.
- Discussion of the fireworks issue determined that the complaints were mostly based on noise rather than a safety concern. City staff will launch a campaign to educate the public on compliant fireworks when those fireworks can be discharged.

Councilor Strengholt, Finance Committee, reported discussion of the following:

- OT numbers were slightly decreased.
- Sales tax remains strong.
- Review of items on the night's agenda.
- Review of satellite agency requests (Downtown Business Association, Project Hope, Lynden Heritage Museum, Lynden Community Center, Chamber of Commerce).

Councilor De Valois, Parks Committee, reported discussion of the following:

- Awaiting a response from HSKS, if the committee does not respond by Friday the city will move forward with another consultant.
- Schoolyard Park awaiting architectural plans.
- Depot to 8<sup>th</sup> Trail moving forward, bank stabilization has been completed.
- VanderGriend Lumber agreement is awaiting approval.
- Whatcom Million Trees project to remove ivy at Bender Fields is ongoing.
- Berthusen Park house has occupants.
- Dickinson House carport to be removed.

For the Good of the Order

***Motion made by Councilor Bode, seconded by Councilor Strengholt to place consideration of discontinuation of fluoridization of the City's municipal water supply on the Council's agenda for a future meeting. Motion approved 5-0.***

***Motion made by Councilor Bode, seconded by Councilor Strengholt to direct City staff to develop a schedule, public notice strategy and date for public hearing before the City Council consistent with state law on the question of whether the City should consider discontinuing fluoridization of the City's municipal water supply. Motion approved 5-0.***



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## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council did not hold an executive session.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

September 18, 2023, regular session of the Lynden city council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Pamela D. Brown*

Pamela D. Brown, City Clerk

*Scott Korthuis*

Scott Korthuis, Mayor