

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



January 18, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the January 18, 2022, regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m., which was held online, via Microsoft Teams.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Finance Director Anthony Burrows, Asst. Fire Chief Ryan Yoshimoto, Parks Director Vern Meenderinck, Parks Manager Brent DeRuyter, Planning Director Heidi Gudde, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Steve Banham, City Attorney Bob Carmichael, City Administrator John Williams, and City Clerk Pam Brown.

OATH OF OFFICE- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Wohlrab seconded to approve the January 3, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved on a 7-0 vote.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled:

Councilor Strengholt introduced Amanda May, Director of Lynden's Pioneer Museum. Amanda formally served three years as trustee and treasurer of the museum board. Councilor Strengholt, as a trustee of the board, stated his excitement to have Amanda as director and believes her skillset will be well utilized.

Unscheduled: None

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2. CONSENT AGENDA

The Finance department is unable to provide payroll information at this time.

Approval of Claims – December 31, 2021 (Print Date 1-19-2022)

Manual Warrants No.	<u>23592</u>	through	<u>23593</u>		\$16,409.68
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$0.00
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$16,409.68
Voucher Warrants No.	<u>23737</u>	through	<u>23897</u>		\$1,132,284.47
EFT Payments					\$0.000
				Sub Total	\$1,132,284.47
				Total Accts. Payable	\$1,148,694.15

Agreement for legal services with Carmichael Clark P.S.
Resolution No. 1045 – Adopting an Updated Whatcom County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Councilor Strengholt moved, and Councilor Kuiken seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved on a 7-0 vote.

Mayor Korthuis read a Proclamation naming January 26, 2022 as Vern Meenderinck Day in honor of his 36 years of serving Lynden’s community and municipality. Council also took this opportunity to thank Vern Meenderinck for his years of service.

Gary Vis, Chamber Director expressed gratitude to Vern for keeping the parks open these past two years, it meant a great deal to this community.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Kuiken reporting for the Finance Committee:

- Review of overtime for all departments.
- 2021 overtime hours for PD was 532 hours which amounts to approximately \$282,000 of overtime pay. 2021 overtime hours for FD was 359 hours which amounts to approximately \$210,000 in overtime pay. Many of the hours were due to shift coverage and holiday pay.
- Sales tax revenue remains strong.
- City has re-started the shut off process with delinquent water accounts.
- Review of possibly adding email and text notification of billing statements.
- Washington state's moratorium on shut offs ended in September. The city extended the shut-off grace period through the end of 2021.

Councilor De Valois reporting for the Parks Committee:

- Harlan Kredit attended the meeting and officially closed the financial portion of the Glenning Park project. Planning for the park is continuing.
- Recommendation to re-new Larry McPhail and Karen Steensma's appointments to the Berthusen Park committee. There was some discussion about possibly disbanding the Park and Trail committee.
- The Benson Park master plan on hold while discussing street placement in the park design.
- Dickinson Park has a new trail to which allows users to not walk as close to the house located in that park.
- The open Park's Maintenance Supervisor position is open and there seems to be a great deal of interest in the position.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The January 18, 2022, regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Pamela D. Brown, MMC
City Clerk



Scott Korthuis
Mayor