

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



July 1, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the July 1, 2019 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. at the Lynden City Hall Annex.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors Gary Bode, Jerry Kuiken, Brent Lenssen, Nick Laninga, Mark Wohlrab and Councilor Kyle Strengtholt.

Members absent: Councilor De Valois absent with notice.

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Parks Director Vern Meenderinck, Public Works Director Steve Banham, City Clerk Pam Brown, City Administrator Mike Martin and City Attorney Catherine Moore.

OATH OF OFFICE - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Kuiken moved and Councilor Wohlrab seconded that the special council minutes of June 13, 2019 and the regular council minutes of June 17, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion approved on a 6-0 vote.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled: Recognition of State Legislative Delegation

Representative Sharon Shewmake, 2414 C Street, Bellingham

Representative Shewmake introduced herself and gave Council a brief overview of her professional background in economics and climate change. She has a PhD in agriculture and natural resource economics and is very interested in childhood early learning. She stated that investing in a child's early development is one of the best investments we can make in our society. Representative Shewmake has enjoyed working on local projects such as Fishtrap Creek and the upcoming projects that have been funded for the City of Sumas.

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Representative Luanne Van Werven, 755 Hannegan Road, Lynden

Representative Van Werven welcomed Lynden's new Fire Chief, Mark Billmire. She recognized Mayor Korthuis and Briahna Murray's efforts to obtain funding for a portion of the Jim Kaemingk Trail. Unfortunately, the City will not receive those funds this year.

Representative Van Werven also expressed gratitude to Councilor Strengholt for his continuing investment of time and efforts that have contributed to the success of the Lynden Pioneer Museum.

Mayor Korthuis presented Representatives Shewmake and VanWerven with a thank you gift in recognition of the work they do for the City of Lynden and all constituents in the 42nd District.

Briahna Murray, 1201 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma

Ms. Murray thanked Senator Ericksen and Representatives Shewmake and Van Werven for their efforts in representing the people of Lynden and the broader constituents of the 42nd District. She noted that this was a long legislative session and there were many long days spent away from their families working and voting on bills. She also thanked the city staff, particularly Mayor Korthuis, the City Administrator and Public Works Department staff. She appreciates their responsiveness and willingness to answer questions of all kinds.

Senator Doug Ericksen was not in attendance.

Nonscheduled:

Alyce Verduin Werkema, 1607 C Street, Lynden

Alyce Werkema thanked members of council for their work and contributions to the City. She was also interested in obtaining information about a forum that involves bringing council members and candidates together to discuss issues identified in this campaign season.

Charis Snyder-Gilbert, 404 17th Street, Lynden

Charis Snyder-Gilbert addressed council regarding a letter that she had received involving an application to vacate a portion of 17th Street and the plan to make 17th Street a through street. She stated that the information contained in the letter was difficult to understand and suggested that it may be easier to understand if a map or a diagram had been included. Mayor Korthuis suggested that she, and maybe some of her neighbors, attend the upcoming Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for July 10th. Attending the PW Committee meetings is the best place to thoroughly discuss the project plan and design.

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Rena Rudy, 413 Fishtrap Way, Lynden

Rena Rudy asked about the follow up on a speed study that was recently conducted in the 17th Street area. She also stated that she would like to see some major traffic calming measures on 17th Street. She also asked about the status of the Glenning Street property and whether it now belonged to the City and thanked the City for agreeing to purchase the property.

Cynthia Ripke-Kutsagoitz, 7062 Guide Meridian, Lynden

Cynthia Ripke-Kutsagoitz thanked Council for allowing her right to freedom of speech. She provided council with photos that were taken at the cemetery depicting the different flags that are flown there and asks that the City never raise a rainbow flag.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Payroll Disbursed – June 1-15, 2019

Paychex EFT.....	\$270,831.39
City of Lynden EFT.....	\$65,949.72
Warrant Liability	\$59,584.78
	\$396,365.89

Approval of Payroll Disbursed – June 16-30, 2019

Paychex EFT.....	\$274,478.28
City of Lynden EFT.....	\$66,276.42
Warrant Liability	\$59,513.74
	\$400,268.44

Approval of Claims – July 2, 2019

Manual Warrants No.	-	through	-		\$0.00
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$1,316.33
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$1,316.33
Voucher Warrants No.	73316	through	73351		\$87,660.65
EFT Payments					0.00
				Sub Total	\$87,660.65
				Total Accts. Payable	\$88,976.98

MED-Project Kiosk Services Agreement

The Lynden Police Department has been a long-time partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and for several years has been involved with the Drug Take Back Program. This program allowed citizens to come to the Police Department and request disposal of illegal narcotics and/or outdated unused prescription medications. An officer was then called to receive,

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report and enter these substances into evidence for later destruction, a very labor-intensive process.

In 2018, the Police Department received a grant and a security receptacle was installed in the lobby of the Police Department allowing citizens to dispose of substances on their own, thus bypassing the officers time consuming reporting process.

There is now a new and more efficient service available which is MED-Project (Medical Education & Disposal). This company works in conjunction with the DEA Drug Take Back Program and bridges the gap between agencies and the DEA for the destruction of collected substances. The agreement between the Lynden Police Department and MED-Project lessens the risk to Police Department personnel and will alleviate the need for them to empty, clean the receptacle and dispose of the discarded substances.

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved on 6-0 vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

5. NEW BUSINESS

Old Water Treatment Plant Demolition Contract Award

Staff solicited bids for the Old Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Demolition Project. The City received four bids on June 13, 2019. Reichhardt and Ebe Engineering (R&E) prepared the attached Bid Tabulation. After review, R&E determined Tiger Construction to be the lowest responsive, responsible bid, and below the engineer's estimate. Therefore, they have recommended acceptance of Tiger Construction's bid.

At their June 5th meeting, the Public Works Committee agreed that the bid results could be forwarded directly to City Council after informing them of the results.

Councilor Bode moved and Councilor Kuiken seconded to award the contract for the Old Water Treatment Plant Demolition Project to Tiger Construction in the amount of \$536,444.28, including tax, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion approved on 6-0 vote

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

Council Committee Updates

Councilor Wohlrab reporting for Lynden Watch:

- Once every 1-2 weeks crime trend information is posted to the Lynden Watch Facebook page to teach others how to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Posting photos and information about recent crimes of vandalism that occurred in Lynden parks was viewed by 45,000 people and shared almost 1,000 times.
- The Lynden Watch program has divided the city into seven sections. Each section has a designated block contact. Officer Dunn with the Lynden Police Department is assisting with the organization of this part of the Lynden Watch program.
- Two cases involving theft (Catalytic converters and Second Chance Thrift Store) have been solved because of the information shared by people involved with the Lynden Watch program.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The July 1, 2019 regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Pamela D. Brown

Pamela D. Brown, MMC
City Clerk

Scott Korthuis

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Mayor