



# CITY OF LYONS

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

**Council Present:** Councilors: Jessica Ritchie, Amy Watts, Mike Wagner, Diane Hyde & Mayor Lloyd Valentine

**Council Absent:**

**Employees Present:** PW Richard Berkey, Librarian Roxy Wilcox, & CM Micki Valentine

**Public Present:** Aiden Huling, Carrie Johnson, George Johnson, Barb Johnson, LCSO Lt. Brian Hardy, Kristen Gustafson

**Opened w/pledge:** @ 6:30 pm

**Roll Call:** taken

### Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias):

- Mayor Valentine declares a conflict of interest with the Budget agenda item.

**Presentations:** Mayor Valentine presents Aiden Huling a City of Lyons Scholarship. Lydia Bielenberg was also awarded a scholarship which will be delivered to her at a later date.

**Public Comment:** none

**Sheriff's Report:** Linn County Sheriff Lt. Brian Hardy gives the quarterly report. He provided a brief update on the semi-truck crash and fire. They are aware and monitoring the situation regarding Mari-Linn School. A question was asked regarding a sign that Linn County placed at Freres Park. Lt. Hardy responded that it was likely placed by their community outreach officer who also places the radar sign.

**Consent Agenda:** Council Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023, and Bills Paid April 25, 2023 – May 23, 2023. *Councilor Ritchie motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – All in favor – none opposed – motion carried.*

### Public Hearings:

- State Shared Revenue Hearing:
  - **Resolution 585-2023** Certifying Eligibility to Receive State Shared Revenues. No questions or comments were made by the public or council. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – all in favor – none opposed – passed.*
  - **Resolution 586-2023** Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues. No questions or comments were made by the public or council. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Councilor Hyde second – all in favor – none opposed – passed.*

- Budget Hearing: **Resolution 587-2023** Adopting the Budget; Making Appropriations; Imposing the Tax; and Categorizing the Tax. Request from public for an explanation of amount of the budget – Wagner explains that there is significantly more due to grants that have been awarded. He also explained that the tax rate is a set rate and can't be increased. Tax rates are based off assessed property value. Ritchie also explained that the CCRLS distribution, in the library fund, is less due to reduction by CCRLS. No further comments from the public or council. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve – Hyde second – Valentine abstained – Wagner, Hyde, Ritchie, & Watts approved – none opposed – passed.*

### **Unfinished Business:**

- American Rescue Plan – reviewed the revised park plan and picnic shelter plan. They approve of the plans. The vault toilet handle has been repaired. Berkey is in the process of getting the water faucet operational. Ace Chemical Toilets will clean the vault toilet once a week – on Mondays, which is their routine service day for Lyons. Councilor Ritchie requests walkie-talkies. They would be useful for the citywide clean-up.
- ODOT Urban Design Verification Study (UDV) – the first survey has been completed. Mari-Linn assisted in distributing the information. Meeting to be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- City Hall Generator – We received two proposals. This project is put on hold until the park and library projects are completed.
- Street Pole Decorations – Pacific Power is willing to change out the banners either twice a year or four times a year. Tabled until completion of park, library, and generator projects.
- Minimum Wage Increases – Council discussed. Mayor Valentine declared a conflict of interest. *Councilor Wagner motioned to approve a 7% wage increase for all employees effective July 1, 2023 – Councilor Ritchie second – Wagner, Ritchie, Hyde, Watts in favor – Mayor Valentine abstained – motion passed.*

### **New Business:**

- none

### **Correspondence:**

- A letter was received from DEQ approving of our TMDL Plan for the next 5-year period 2023-2028.

**Librarian Report:** Librarian Wilcox provides the report. She has scheduled the performers for the Summer Reading Program including the Reptile Man. They are working on preparing craft projects. This year, instead of the store, they have hired Kona Ice to provide slushies on the last day, after the Reptile Man performance. Each participant that completes the reading requirements and is in attendance will receive a free slushy. Slushies will also be available for purchase.

**City Manager Report:** CM Valentine gave report. Public Works continue to maintain properties. Bark has been placed at City Hall and the City Park. A mattress was found on Main Street and was placed in the dumpster after the citywide clean-up. Cemetery - one burial – placing flags for Memorial Day – pole flag replaced. Still waiting for the engineer & architect to provide a plan to remodel the library. Three mechanical permits issued. LGIP interest up to 4%. A motorhome knocked over the mailboxes – replaced – report & video submitted to Linn County. We collected \$503 from the citywide clean-up. Unfortunately, someone dumped a bunch of garbage on top of the second metal dumpster – they won't sort the metal out so it will

have to be dumped and charged as garbage. The Summer Sun Sale is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Updated on the complaints.

**Planning Commission Report:** none

**Financial Reports:** No questions were asked.

**Commissioner Report/Councilor Questions/Comments:**

- Mayor Valentine, Cemetery – No comments to add.
- Councilor Ritchie, Library – Would like contact information for Linn County Sheriff concerning the sign on 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Councilor Wagner, Building Improvements – No comments to add.
- Councilor Hyde, Police/Safety – No comments to add.
- Councilor Watts, Transportation, Parks & Recreation – No comments to add.

**Executive Session:** none

**Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements:**

- none

**Next Meeting:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30 pm Regular Council Meeting – Lyons City Hall

Adjourned @ 8:00 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine