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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2026

Council Present: Councilors: Jessica Ritchie, Eric Gjonnes, Diane Hyde, Amy Thrasher, & Mayor Mike Wagner

Council Absent:

Employees Present: Lib. Dir. Michele Ray, PW Richard Berkey, CM Micki Valentine

Public Present:

Opened w/pledge: @ 6:30 pm by Mayor Mike Wagner

Roll Call: Taken

Announcements (Additions to Agenda/Conflict of Interest/Ex-Parte/Bias): *Hyde motions to accept the Agenda as presented – Ritchie second – Gjonnes, Thrasher, Wagner, Ritchie, & Hyde in favor – none opposed.*

Presentations: none

Public Comment: none

Sheriff's Report: Monthly report provided for review.

Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026; Bills Paid July 29, 2026 – August 25, 2026. *Councilor Hyde motioned to approve – Thrasher second – Wagner, Gjonnes, Ritchie, Thrasher, & Hyde in favor – none opposed – approved.*

Public Hearings: none

Unfinished Business:

- **Safe Routes to School Update** – Civil West had the catch basin on Cedar Street scoped to see if the catch basin could be used for additional stormwater runoff. They decided that it is too small. They will have to come up with a different plan. ODOT said they would not fix the drywell in the park. If the City wants it fixed then the City needs to take care of it.
- **Election Update** – The election paperwork has been filed with Linn County. Mike Wagner, Jessica Ritchie, and Amy Thrasher submitted their paperwork. There were no others. The election will be held on November 3rd. Stephen Floyd with The Canyon Weekly has requested their information.
- **Resolution 640-2026 Approving Groundbreaking Construction Estimate** – This estimate is to add gravel to the walking paths at Freres Park. They will be adding river

rock around the base of trees to cover exposed roots. They will add a fence barrier at the picnic shelter to prevent falls and erosion of the hillside. *Councilor Gjonnes motion to approve – Hyde second – Ritchie, Thrasher, Wagner, Hyde, & Gjonnes in favor – none opposed – approved.*

- **Cemetery Fence Update** – OnPoint Fencing will begin the fence replacement project on August 26th. It should be completed by September 1st. The neighbors have been notified.

New Business:

- **RFQ Street Repairs** – There were no quotes submitted for our street repairs. W. Main Street also needs some work. Will divide the project up and keep searching for a contractor.
- **Emergency Alert Sirens** – Marion County Commissioners has authorized the placement of a Community Alerting System. Two sirens are being placed within the city limits of Lyons, one on 14th St and one on Kapok St. There is very limited information about this project. They are placing the sirens throughout the canyon including North Fork, Mill City, Gates, Detroit, & Idanha. The one on 14th Street is already in.

Correspondence:

- none

Library Director Report: Library Director, Michele Ray, provides the library report. They had a great turn-out for the Summer Reading Program. There were 28 participants that turned in logs. Storytime has been well attended and has moved back to the library.

City Manager Report: CM Valentine provides report. Public Works covered graffiti on the play structure in the park. A new mower was purchased. All catch basins have been inspected. One burial and one headstone placed. Cemetery fence replacement to begin tomorrow. There is a headstone that will need to be moved. Looking for library board member. Two window shades have been ordered for the library. Ritchie asked about routine cleaning of the new windows, which has not been considered yet. Two building permits issued with one new home on Oak Street. LGIP rate remains the same. Lyons Fire District has requested to do pre-plan surveys on all City buildings, which we agreed to. Complaints reviewed. The city code concerning the time period for weeds vs trees/bushes time period reviewed. Request to move the December council meeting one week earlier from the 22nd to the 15th. Council consensus approved.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting held. A property line adjustment extension was approved to allow more time for submitting the plat map to Linn County for the Lamb/Voltin property line.

Financial Reports: Reports were available for review. No questions or comments.

Mayor/Council – Questions, Comments, Commissioner Reports:

- Mayor Mike Wagner, Building Impr., Utility, Police/Safety – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Jessica Ritchie, Library – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Diane Hyde, Transportation – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Amy Thrasher, Cemetery – Nothing more to add.
- Councilor Eric Gjonnes, Parks & Recreation – Would like to work on the trail project as soon as we're able to.

Executive Session: none

Requests – Councilor Requests/Future Agenda Items/Announcements: none

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned @ 7:08 pm

Summarized by CM Valentine