Lynn Town Council

September 2, 2026 Minutes

Barbara called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

In attendance was Barbara Johnson (President), Arthur Kirtley (Council Member), Robert Hutchens (Council Member), Suzan Myers (attorney), Michael Straley III (Clerk), and Travis Jones (Marshal).

This was followed by the pledge to the flag, the Lord's prayer.

Arthur made a motion to approve the 8/5, 8/19, & 9/1 minutes. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Arthur made a motion to approve claims. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve BONY transfer; Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Robert made a motion to approve water transfer. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara called for council information. Arthur made a motion to approve Travis Jones as the Marshal/street superintendent. Based on 45 hours at $27.00 an hour. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael swore Travis in.

Barbara called for attorney information. Suzan read ordinance 2026-5 (budget). Robert made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-5. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Motion carried all in favor. Robert made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for second and third reading. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read ordinance 2026-5 by title only for the second reading. Robert made a motion to pass for the second reading. Arthur made a motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read ordinance 2026-5 for the 3rd reading by title only. Robert made a motion to pass the ordinance on the third reading. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Suzan read ordinance 2026-6 (salary) Robert made a motion to adopt ordinance 2026-6. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Motion carried all in favor. Robert made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for second and third reading. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read ordinance 2026-6 by title only for the second reading. Robert made a motion to pass for the second reading. Arthur made a motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read ordinance 2026-6 for the 3rd reading by title only. Robert made a motion to pass the ordinance on the third reading. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara called for employee information. Travis thanked them for trusting him to do the position. He said he needed approval to start the hiring process for the deputy. Robert made a motion to start the hiring process. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

He stated he was able to get the wall down and the office cleaned up. He said he is still working on getting administrative items switched from Brad to himself. He stated at the next meeting he should have the quote for the cost of equipment for the new deputy. Suzan asked if insurance would cover this and Michael stated he would find out. The state is trying to get his duty belt back, but the rest would remain as evidence. Travis stated that for the street department we have a storm drain that is on Linden that runs from Franklin to Cherry st was ran through with a camera by ECC. Half the tile collapsed and had roots growing in it. A new 10in pipe is needed and it has caused a hole in Robert's yard. With this project they will be adding a catch basin on Cherry. He stated he would be getting quotes for this project. He stated he would also like to see us get in a yearly rotation to get the basin's vacuumed out to hopefully help with the drainage issue.

Travis ordered 2 tri axle loads of dirt for the water tower yard to try and fix the ruts and issues.

Travis stated that they have a chief class that he would like to attend. He also stated that when Jonathan retired that his duty gun was presented to him. He would like to present Brad's first gun to the family.

Arthur made a motion for Travis to attend the chief school as well as give Brad's gun to the family. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara called for clerk information. Michael stated he needed a motion to raise Travis's credit limit to $2,000 and to get Michael Straley Jr a credit card with a $1,000 limit. Robert made the motion to raise Travis's limit to $2,000 and get Michael a credit card with a $1,000 limit. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael stated that Jeannette would be able to keep the health insurance for what Brad paid. He requested that we continue her vision/dental insurance as well. Robert made a motion to approve the insurance being continued. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael stated he needs to have a motion to have Trick or treat on Saturday October 31st from 6-8pm. Robert made a motion to have Trick or Treat on Saturday October 31st from 6-8pm.

Michael stated Catron's glass gave a quote for ADA compliant doors for $9,975.00. The board decided we need to get a couple more quotes before approving.

Michael stated the City Building is closed 9/2-9/7 as our system converts to the new system.

Michael stated our yearly contract was up with Winchester for animal control. Michael stated it was $2,000 a year and they are wanting us to get on a 3-year contract. Arthur made a motion to continue our contract. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael discussed the water tower project. He stated Michael Haney said all items were completed. Ryan is coming out Friday to do a final engineer inspection and then we could move forward with our talks on litigation.

Barbara called for old business. Michael stated at the last meeting a citizen had stated his bill had been adjusted every month. Michael stated he researched and it was adjusted twice at the beginning of the year and must have fixed his leak because his bill started reading normal again and he has been billed as such.

Barbara called for new business. Robert asked if a fee could be added to the bills to help with storm drains. Michael said it could, but he suggested to wait until 2028 when water and wastewater bills were analyzed again. That way we would be able to do the ordinance as one and not separate ones. Michael stated with anything being added to bills there is a process and public hearing that must happen to allow for those kinds of changes.

Barbara called for citizen comments. There was none.

Arthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara Johnson, President

Arthur Kirtley, Council Member

Robert Hutchens, Council Member

Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer