

Lynn Town Council

July 1, 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), Travis Jones (deputy marshal)

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

Arthur made a motion to approve June 3, 2026, Minutes. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

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

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

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

Barbara called for Council information. Arthur said he tried reaching out to John Richardson in regards to the veteran blocks but has been a bale to reach him yet.

Barbara called for Attorney information. Suzan stated we had 2 ordinances that need passed tonight. She also stated that she provided Michael with state of Indiana Communications for him to look over. She also informed the board that Braun is trying to get gas tax funds back to municipalities after doing the tax break.

Suzan read ordinance 2026-3 Water/Wastewater salary ordinance. Arthur made a motion to accept the ordinance. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Arthur made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second and third reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read 2026-3 by title only for the second reading. Arthur made a motion to accept the second reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read 2026-3 by title only for the third reading. Arthur made a motion to accept the third reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Suzan read ordinance 2026-4 revising the area planning ordinance in regards to flood area. Arthur made a motion to accept the ordinance. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Arthur made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second and third reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read 2026-4 by title only for the second reading. Arthur made a motion to accept the second reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Suzan read 2026-4 by title only for the third reading. Arthur made a motion to accept the third reading. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Barbara called for Employee information. She stated Michael Haney recommended the hiring of a water/wastewater employee. This would be an employee that works for him to help with day-to-day operations as well as needs a WT3 & DDS license to cover when he takes time off. He recommends

a 40-hour position M-F 7-3pm. With all overtime being used as comp time. Robert made a motion to advertise for the hiring of this position. Arthur seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. Michael stated he would post it in the newspaper.

Barbara called for Clerks information. Michael stated the public budget meeting would be on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Michael stated we needed to purchase 50 new meters. We had purchased the heads and would be returning those and replacing them with a full meter as was advised by Utility Supplies. This cost would be split 2 ways between water & sewage. Arthur made a motion to purchase the new meters. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael stated that a new lawn mower needed purchased. The old mower is 24 years old and starting to have some issues. We are still waiting for 1 quote but so far, the best quote was Hull Brothers for \$17,200. He would like approval to not go higher than to purchase a new mower. The funds would come from MVH. Robert asked why we needed diesel wouldn't a gas mower be cheaper. Travis said diesel has a longer life and more power is why you would want to go with diesel. Arthur made a motion to approve the purchase of a mower not to exceed \$17,200. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael asked for approval to have Suzan work up a new resolution in regards to adjustments. He stated right now the customers are allowed 2 adjustments a year, however, there have been some issues with false leaks to get their bills adjusted. Michael wants plumber invoice, or receipts of proof the leak is fixed before it can be adjusted and the final say is decided with the clerk and water superintendent. Arthur made a motion to have Suzan work on a resolution. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael asked for approval to remove the \$2 fee for missing bill. He stated that with the new online system we are printing those and it just isn't needed anymore. Arthur made a motion to remove the \$2 fee. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Michael stated Kleinpeter had contacted him about Ocra and as of right now it looks like we are going to owe Ocra back \$40k-\$160k. Because 2 million wasn't spent on the water tower project.

Michael stated the electric has been run for the sign and we are now waiting for ETA to receive it,

Michael stated Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> the employees would be off in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara called for old business. There was none.

Barbara called for new business. There was none.

Barbara called for citizen comments. There was none.

Travis stated he had to step away during employee information, but he wanted to address Westwood drive that was brought up last meeting. He stated there was nothing that he could fine them for. He said there were kids' toys and bags of mulch for landscaping. Barbara thanked him for looking into it.

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



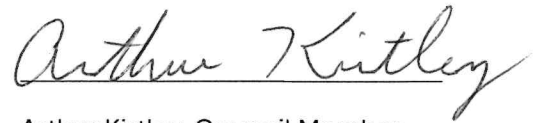
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Barbara Johnson, President



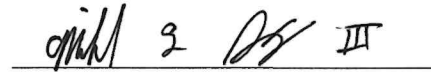
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Robert Hutchens, Council Member



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Arthur Kirtley, Council Member



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Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer