

Lyndhurst, Ohio
February 3, 2025

The Council of The City of Lyndhurst held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:32 P.M., Council Member Stephen C. Grushetsky, presiding.

Members Present: Council Representatives J. A. Marko, J. Price, J. A. Gambatese, L. A. Schlessel, C. A. LoPresti.

Others Present: P. A. Ward, Mayor;
J. P. Luskin, Director of Law;
R. J. Schmidlin, Assistant Director of Law;
P. A. Rhode, Chief of Police;
M. J. Carroll, Chief of Fire;
T. Fioritto, Director of Service;
J. Maichle, Building Commissioner;
R. Petrunyak, Director of Finance;
K. L. Miller, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Absent: Vice Mayor David A. Frey.

* Mr. LoPresti attended the meeting remotely via the Zoom Meeting Application.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, January 20, 2025, copies of which were distributed to all Members, be dispensed with, and said minutes stand approved as circulated.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Ward announced this year marks the 100th consecutive Home Day celebration which will be held the weekend after Labor Day. To kick off the celebration, he shared that the city is partnering with the Lyndhurst Police Foundation to bring the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit to Lyndhurst. The Foundation will cover the cost and invite local school groups to tour on Thursday, August 28th and Friday, August 29th. The museum will be open to the public on Saturday, August 30th, followed by a special Patriotic Concert in the Park featuring The Diamond Project. Mayor Ward explained that the set up will be similar to the Eric Carmen tribute concert with food trucks as well. He remarked this will be a great value add leading to the 100th Home Day celebration!

Mr. Schlessel suggested finding a survivor family that has a connection to Lyndhurst.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky reminded his colleagues of the Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th beginning at 6pm.

PUBLIC LANDS & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Frey was absent.

ROADS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SERVICE & SEWERS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Price had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE – Chairperson Gambatese announced that he will be calling a committee meeting for Monday, February 17th beginning at 6:45pm to discuss needs for both police and fire departments.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Chairperson Grushetsky reported that the committee met earlier this evening and the minutes from the meeting will be forthcoming.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Council member Schlessel stated that the commission has not met; therefore, there is nothing to report.

SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION – A member of the school board was not present to deliver a report.

There were no requests for additions to the Agenda.

The floor was opened for public comment, with the following being heard:

Leah Burnett, 5403 Huron Road, voiced concerns regarding a noise disturbance coming from her neighbor at 5412 Huron Road who regularly clears snow from his driveway with a front loader at approximately 3:30am in the morning for a minimum of 30 minutes at a time. She explained that because this type of equipment is meant for dirt and gravel, the machine scrapes the driveway waking neighbors. Ms. Burnett is hoping their neighbor can be asked to either use proper snowplow equipment, or to comply with the 7am rule for noise. She also mentioned that when she recently confronted her neighbor, he told her that large trucks are dropping off snow in his driveway at all hours of the day and night. Ms. Burnett remarked that there may also be a need for a welfare check based on those comments. She asked for help from the city on behalf of the residents on Huron Road.

Mr. Marko inquired whether there is family that can assist with the neighbor who may be experiencing mental health issues and possibly early stages of dementia or Alzheimer's.

Ms. Burnett responded that the neighbors typically keep to themselves and is not aware of any family nearby.

Rick Piacentini, 5415 Huron Road, commented there is an adult son who may live in Strongsville. He also mentioned that the neighbors are retired so there is no reason to plow the driveway in the middle of the night. Mr. Piacentini shared a photo from his cell phone of the tractor being used to clear the snow.

Curtis Yovichin, 5404 Huron Road, expressed empathy for his neighbor who may be experiencing mental health issues; however, he is tired and frustrated by the noise disturbance.

Mayor Ward let the residents know that as of today, their neighbor at 5412 Huron has been served a formal letter by the police instructing him to adhere to the permitted hours to operate construction equipment, which are between 7am and 9pm. He asked the residents not to confront their neighbor, and to call the non-emergency police phone number immediately if they experience any further disturbances, no matter what time of the day. Mayor Ward explained that calling in will provide record of the complaint, and the neighbor will be cited.

Dennis Kane, 1152 Brainard Road, inquired about the additional revenue generated from the most recent property tax assessment.

Mayor Ward responded that the County has not yet provided that information, which was confirmed by the Finance Director. He further commented that it has been challenging to guess what the added revenue would be because it has not been a consistent percentage of value across the Lyndhurst footprint.

Mr. Kane mentioned that he reviewed the tax breakdown online and it shows his city and county tax both going up while his school tax is going down. He asked to be notified once more information has been received regarding the adjusted revenue for the city.

Mr. Petrunyak noted that he spoke with the County last week and they are working on the certificate for Lyndhurst.

It was moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Gambatese, that the meeting be adjourned.

The question was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Approved: February 17, 2025

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Vice Mayor