

Town Hall Meeting

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Saturday, January 19, 2008, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Lyndon Community Building
204 Topeka Ave.

Lyndon City Council members

Mayor: Bruce Williams

Council: Bill Patterson
Doug Watson
Suzanne Oakley
Brandon Smith
Janet Stout

Other government officials in the audience.

What has happened since the last town hall meeting?

We said that we would....

- **Hire a City Administrator – Completed**
 - *We hired/promoted several new employees*
 - Larry Thurston – City Administrator*
 - Barb Schattak – City Clerk*
 - Darrel Manning – Chief of Police*
 - Chris Waldron- Police Officer*
- **Finish city wide water systems improvements – Completed**



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We said that we would....

- **Explore economic climate and efforts of similar sized cities – Completed**
 - *Doug and Bill visited communities in Marion, McPherson and Harvey counties at their own expense and have information for the council to consider.*

- **Reapply for sewer improvement grant – Completed**
 - *KDHE approved our grant request in October and plans are underway to proceed this spring.*

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We said we would do

➤ **Develop a Downtown Business Revitalization Plan – In progress**

•Details are being finalized with the county and school district.

➤ **Consider City Annexation – Being studied**

•Several areas are being considered upon property owners' inquiries.

•An interested party, came to the city in the fall and asked about possible annexation of large area of land. Currently, he is working in cooperation with the city, and his engineers to provide detailed information to the city for future annexation and growth for the Lyndon community.

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We said we would do

- **Schedule more town hall meetings – Postponed**
 - *These were moved back for a variety of reasons including the fact that community center was under reconstruction. We were able to completely remodel the Community Center because of major flooding in May.*



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Other things we did in 2007

- *Reworked the interior of the city building to improve working conditions and public usage.*
- *Worked with USD 421 to construct new curbing along 6th Street at the school.*



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Other things we did in 2007

- *Purchased property at 319 Adams St. Previous owner removed tanks, property was certified safe etc.*
- *Adopted up-to-date zoning and sub-division regulations*
- *Appointed Janet Stout new council member.*



Goals for 2008

- Promotion of the idea that it is necessary that the citizens vote for renewal of 1% citywide sales tax.
- Continue to visit other similar sized communities for ideas to make Lyndon a better place to live.
- Work with community members in drafting a city wide improvement plan.
- Work with community organizations and citizens to promote the City of Lyndon as a great place to live.

Goals for 2008 Cont.

- Begin construction phase associated with the waste water grant project.
- Implement and encourage participation in the Downtown Redevelopment Act.
- Schedule at least one more town hall meeting. Probably during the Fall.
- Improve/promote/update the City of Lyndon's website.

Downtown Business Climate

The city is continuously working to encourage businesses to come to Lyndon by offering tax incentives through the adoption of the Downtown Redevelopment Act and working with the county by implementing the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

Contrary to popular belief, the city can not give any money for businesses to move to Lyndon.

Citizen's Questions

➤ *This presentation and all questions and answers will be placed on the city web site.*

www.lyndonks.com

➤ *Please state your name and address the question to the council.*