LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING January 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr called the roll. The members present were Todd Angerman, Mike Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Staff present were Police Chief Jim Woestman, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the January 13, 2024, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #13085 – 13143 \$902,467.66; White – Police #1367 – 1374 \$8,570.55; Wastewater #6061 – 6095 \$132,017.52; and Stormwater Utility #6423 – 6429 \$18,292.61. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the vouchers as listed and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Amend Sewer Rates & Charges for the Wastewater Utility Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the Introductory Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Amend Sewer Rates & Charges for the Wastewater Utility and set the Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 24, 2024; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Amend Sewer Connection Charges for the Wastewater Utility Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the Introductory Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Amend Sewer Connection Charges for the Wastewater Utility and set the Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 24, 2024; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-04 – Amend Miscellaneous Sewer Charges for the Wastewater Utility Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the Introductory Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Amend Sewer Rates & Charges for the Wastewater Utility and set the Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 24, 2024; Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr requested that the Turn-Off fee for nonpayment be added to the Ordinance and to the fee schedules; Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the amendment to the motion; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Krohn & Associates Accounting and Financial Consulting Services Agreement

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the Krohn & Associates Accounting and Financial Consulting Services Agreement; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Annual Certification of Elected Officials on Compliance with Nepotism Policy

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to acknowledge acceptance and receipt of Annual Certification of Elected Officials on Compliance with Nepotism Policy; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

2024 Encumbrances to 2025 Budget

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the 2024 Encumbrances to the 2025 budget; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

2025 Park & Recreation Fees

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the 2025 Park & Recreation fees; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Three Creeks Historical Association Donation Request

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the Three Creeks Historical Association donation request; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Freedom Park Board will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 and Stormwater Board will be meeting on February 6, 2025.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lake County Observer, was welcomed back. Documents from this meeting will be forwarded to him.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to adjourn at 7:10 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Murr, Clerk-Treasurer

Todd Angerman, President

Attest: