LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION July 14, 2025

The Work Session of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. Members present were Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, John Yelkich; and Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer. Todd Angerman was absent, and Shane Tucker arrived at 6:10 pm. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin, Cyndi Hughes, Park and Recreation Director, and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland was online.

Town Manager Hedrix and Cyndi Hughes discussed uniforms and clothing allowance. A Standard Operating Procedure was reviewed and discussed. This will be an unaccountable plan and will need a Salary Ordinance amendment and updates to the Personnel Policy manual.

Transient Merchants, food trucks and special events were discussed. Cyndi Hughes presented proposed changes to transient merchants. Door-to-door sales, the number of events per year, background checks were discussed. Fees for transient merchants and special events were discussed. Nassau Park and future events with vendors was discussed.

Council and Police Chief Woestman discussed E-bikes and regulations. Information will be reviewed for an ordinance.

The practice/training range was discussed. There is a proposed commitment from the Lake County Sherriff. Councilman Alessia voiced his concerns on a joint agreement versus a usage agreement. He noted his concerns about the cost of the project and the fit for the town. It was determined that the financing option should be reviewed. The cost of a pole building versus a stick building was noted. It was noted that the fire department will need a new building. Chief Gamblin noted that having a local training site for the fire department could potentially lower the ISO rating. Staff for this will need to be reviewed.

Town Manager Hendrix reviewed the costs on parcels located on Mill Street and the potential of making an offer based upon the costs reviewed. This will need to be approved by the RDC.

The Lump parcel appraisal was discussed, and Town Attorney Westland will prepare the documents to dispose of the parcel.

Construction project updates were provided. Town Manager Hendrix requested closing the Town Hall and Town offices on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, for a staff appreciation luncheon. This will be added to the agenda.

The work session adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Todd Angerman, Presiden

Attest:

Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer