LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING July 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 7:02 P.M. by Council Vice-President Michael Gruszka. 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. Todd Angerman was absent. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Assistant Police Chief Robert Hornickel, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland was online.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Angerman reviewed White Vouchers #13834 – 13888 \$1,208,336.25; White – Police #1491-1492 \$657.70; Wastewater #8119 – 8153 \$675,977.47; and Stormwater Utility #6541 – 6549 \$22,951.17. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the June 2025, Treasurer's Report; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2025-11 – Speed Limit Ordinance

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to suspend the rules and allow for second readings; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-11; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-12 – Stop Sign Ordinance

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Ordinance No. 2025-12; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-12; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-13 - No Parking Ordinance

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Ordinance No. 2025-13; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-13; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to put the rules back in place.

NEW BUSINESS

Barnes & Thornburg Bond Counsel Engagement – Maintenance Building Project

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Barnes & Thornburg Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement – Maintenance Building Project; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Grimmer Construction, Inc, PR#2 – WWTP EQ Basin

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve Grimmer Construction, Inc, PR#2 – WWTP EQ Basin, voucher #8150 - \$428,220.00; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#9 – Nassau Park

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#9 – Nassau Park, voucher #13889 - \$889,361.56; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#10 - Nassau Park

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#10 – Nassau Park, voucher #13890 - \$595,542.07; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Hasse Construction, PR#1 - Maintenance Facility

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#1 – Maintenance Facility, voucher #13890 - \$39,912.25; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

R&R Sewer, Inc, PR#5 – West Side Sewer Extension

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve R&R Sewer, Inc, PR#5 – West Side Sewer Extension, white voucher #13886 - \$442,394.55; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote

Suttor – Lump Lot usage request

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to deny Suttor – Lump Lot usage request; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Carey, 7305 McConnel Avenue addressed the Council on drainage and manhole issues as well as the inlet and outlet of the pond. He had water in the building. There was discussion on the issues with the pipe and settlement. Town Manager Hendrix noted that the pond has been designed for repair, and some trees have been cleared out. The project and the plan were reviewed and discussed. The estimated cost for repairs is \$50,000 to \$75,000. Town Manager Hendrix will get quotes for the project.

Aubrey Hardesty, Lowell Labor Day Festival, via Zoom, inquired on the additional funds in the hotel/motel funds. She inquired about guidelines for what qualifies for the funding and any rules. The funds are for the promotion of events and at the discretion of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to adjourn at 7:22 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. The meeting was put back in place for online public comment. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adjourn at 7:25 pm; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Attest:

Todd Angerman, President

July 28, 2025