# REGULAR MEETING October 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, October 13 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 Mike Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia and Shane Tucker. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Assistant Police Chief Hornickel, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland and Financial Advisor Corby Thompson joined via Zoom.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the September 22, 2025 Work Session and Regular meeting minutes; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

#### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Angerman reviewed the vouchers: White Vouchers #14160 - 14241 \$ 975,322.48, White – Police #1527 - 1537 \$4,725.81, Wastewater #8284 - 8329 \$ 165,244.36, and Stormwater Utility #6590 - 6605 \$1,402,663.08. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

### ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

# Ordinance No. 2025-15 - Salary Ordinance Amendment

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-15 – Salary Ordinance Amendment; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

# Ordinance No. 2025-16 - 2026 Budget

Council President Angerman opened the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget, being no comments in person or online, the public hearing was closed. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gurszka to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2025 - 16 - 2026 Budget; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

# Ordinance No. 2025-17 - Residential TIF Funds

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-17 – Residential TIF Funds; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Motion by councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to set the rules aside to allow for a second reading; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 – Residential TIF Funds; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to put the rules back in place; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

# Resolution No. 2025-09 - Title VI Plan/Non-Discrimination Agreement

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution No. 2025-09 – Adopting Abbreviated Title VI Plan/Non-Discrimination Agreement; and Acceptance of Goals and Accomplishment Report; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

# Resolution No. 2025-10 - DLGF - Three Year Growth Appeal

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution No. 2025-10 – DLGF – Three Year Growth Appeal in the amount of \$429,454.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Town & Country – CCMG 2025-01 – Change Order #2

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Town & Country – CCMG 2025-01 – Change Order #2 – decrease of \$109,969.57; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

## **Town & Country - PR#2 - CCMG 2025-01**

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve Town & Country – PR#2 – CCMG 2025-01 \$257,238.23; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

# Milestone – Liberty Street – Change Order #1

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Milestone – Liberty Street – Change Order #1, \$16,939.54. Town Manager Hendrix explained that this was for utility gas work and additional removal of the old water tank. Motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

## **Bowen Engineering Contract for WWTP emergency work**

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Bowen Engineering Contract for WWTP emergency work for cleaning and/or repairs to aerators and chemical feed tank at Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$792,886.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

## **Bowen Engineering Change Order #1 - WWTP**

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Bowen Engineering Change Order #1 – reducing the contract by \$412,144.00 for a total contract price of \$380,742.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

#### Wessler Engineering Task Order #20 – Amendment #1 – WWTP

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Wessler Engineering Task Order #20 – Amendment #1 – from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

#### Cordogan Clark Agreement

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the design agreement with Cordogan Clark for training facility/shooting range \$225,000.00; motion carried with three ayes and on nay by Councilman Alessia on roll call vote.

#### Abonmarche – Project Task Directive

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to affirm the approval of Abonmarche – Project Task Directive 5 – Training Facility/shooting range Topographic Survey - \$5,800.00; motion carried four ayes on roll call vote.

# **Advanced Engineering Services Inc (AES)**

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to affirm the approval of Advanced Engineering Services Inc (AES) — Training Facility/shooting range Geotechnical Engineering Exploration Services - \$8,690.00; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Sierra Ridge Unit 2, Phase 4 Final Plat – Maintenance & Performance Bond Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to accept Sierra Ridge Unit 2, Phase 4 Final Plat – Maintenance Bond \$225,026.11 and Performance Bond - \$39,491.94; motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next regular meeting – Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Halloween Trick or Treating hours are on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5 pm to 8 pm.

#### MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Hornickel thanked the Town Council from the police department for the approval of the training facility/shooting range.

Georg Gray, Willowbrook, spoke on programs and the need to towns do more with less, a five-year operations plan, capital improvements, etc. Linda, Oakley Street spoke on neighbors stray dogs. It was noted that there have been at least nineteen citations written. A home on Idlewild behind Oakley is abandoned and has critters living in it. The Oakley Street and sewer and water projects were discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business, Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adjourn at 7:20 pm; motion carried with four ayes on voice vote.

Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

Jill Murr. Clerk-Treasurer

October 13, 2025

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