

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. by President Christopher Salatas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were John Alessia, Michael Gruszka, Christopher Salatas, and John Yelkich, Councilman Angerman was absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Public Works Director Kevin Gray, GIS Director Greg White, Town Attorney David Westland, and two interested citizen. No one was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from May 10th, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Salatas stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #10543 - #10601, White-Police #6073 - #6082, Water #2361-#2395, Waste Water #4313- #4345 and Stormwater Utility #7054 - #7059. Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2021-16 -Additional Appropriation - General Fund - \$55,000.00
Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2021-16, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

2nd reading - Ordinance #2021-17 - Amend 2021 Salary Ordinance -
Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Ordinance #2021-17 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 Street Improvements - CCG - Approve Pay Request # 4 to Dyer Construction Company - \$255,569.75 less retainage and approve White Voucher # 10602 - \$228,172.19 - Councilman Alessia moved to approve Pay Request #4 and White Voucher #10602 to Dyer Construction, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Wellhouse Improvements - Contract C - Bowen Engineering- Approve contract and Notice to Proceed - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the contract and Notice to Proceed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Town Manager Hendrix stated this is one of three projects we agreed to do prior to the sale of the water utility.

Tabled from previous meetings:

3/22 Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Department for animal contract services - Police Chief Jim Woestman had given Council information on how other communities are addressing animal problems. Council will review and discuss at a future meeting. President Salatas stated we need to come to a decision soon and nothing will be cheap.

04/26 Proposal of Community Garden -No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Added to the agenda:

Resolution #2021-08 - A Resolution Finding Sale of Water Utility Assets for less than Appraised Value will allow for Lower Rates for Water Utility Service to Lowell Residents - Attorney Westland stated the Resolution was needed to provide to IURC that selling the Water Utility for a price lower than the appraised value will result in lower rates for water customers by a water rate increase of 15% rather than the 25% that would of been required. Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Resolution #2021-08, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Remove Eric Newell from Plan Commission due to missed meetings - President Salatas stated Mr. Newell has not attended a meeting this year and missed numerous meetings last year. Councilman Alessia moved to remove Mr. Newell, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Gruszka moved to advertise for applicants until June 25th, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes. The make up of the Commission will be reviewed by Attorney Westland to make sure if it can be of either party affiliate.

Councilman Gruszka reminded that the garbage contract is expiring in August and we are waiting for a price quote from Republic to extend the current contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Salatas announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.



Christopher Salatas, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer