

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. by Vice President John Yelkich. 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, Todd Angerman, Shane Tucker and John Yelkich, Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Public Works Director Kevin Gray, GIS Director Greg White, Town Attorney David Westland, three representatives from LVFD, and two interested citizens. No one was present via Zoom.

Councilman Gruszka moved to nominate Todd Angerman as President, seconded by Shane Tucker. No other nominations, the motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Newly appointed member Shane Tucker was welcomed to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the work session, executive session and regular meeting minutes from June 14th, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman recommended approval and Vice President Yelkich reviewed White Vouchers #10680 - #10722, White-Police #6093 - #6101, Water #2464-#2488, Waste Water #4392- #4414 and Stormwater Utility #7066 - #7069. Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of resignations from the Lowell Police Commission had been received from Doug Parker and Shane Tucker. Councilman Gruszka moved to accept the letter of resignations, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes. The positions will be advertised, along with the open position still on the Plan Commission. Councilman Tucker will fill former Councilman Salatas's seat on the Plan Commission.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2021-18 - an Ordinance establishing Policy to participate by Electronic Means of Communication - Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2021-18, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

2nd reading - Ordinance #2021-19 -Additional Appropriation - PO Grant - \$ 6,525.80 - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2021-19 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1st reading - Ordinance #2021-20 - amend 2021 Salary Ordinance - increase Street Superintendent pay between M.V.H. and Sewer Distribution - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold Ordinance #2021-20 for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approve contract with Gariup Construction - CDBG Grant - \$224,850.00 - Councilman Gruszka moved to accept the contract with Gariup Construction, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meetings:

3/22 Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Department for animal contract services -
04/26 Proposal of Community Garden -No update.

NEW BUSINESS

Act on annual chemical quotes at Water Plant - Water Superintendent Dan Myers recommended the following: Hawkins Inc, - Sodium Hypochlorite - \$16.27/case; Sodium Silicate - \$299.94/drum; and Chlorine - \$76.50/cylinder: Grant Hagberg Co. - carbon dioxide -CO2/\$0.12 lb; and Carmeuse Lime & Stone - Hydrated Lime - \$264.00/ton. Public Works Director Kevin Gray stated chlorine has increased from last year because it is difficult to get due to Covid. Mr. Gray stated the chemicals were bid out knowing that Indiana American Water may be taking over at the first of the year. Councilman Alessia made a motion to accept the annual chemical quotes, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Fire Truck Purchase - Corey Wietbrock, Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, presented a quote for a Sutphen Custom Pumper in the amount of \$666,370.00. He stated they have been working on this project for seven-eight months and have reviewed three manufacturers. The truck falls under Sourcewell so it doesn't have to be bid out. The company today offered a trade in value of \$23,000 for our current engine. The manufacturer did stated that if the order is not placed by mid-July the price increase of this unit will be \$25-30,000.00. This unit will replace a 20 year old truck and will take 13-15 months to build. Funds are available for the purchase/lease of this equipment from the Cumulative Fire Fund. The current truck will not be traded in until the new truck is received. Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the purchase of the Sutphen Pumper, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

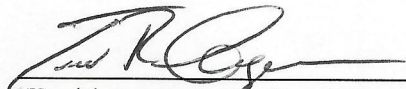
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

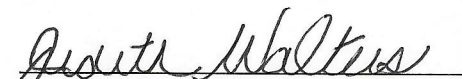
ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer