

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:12 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Todd Angerman, John Alessia, John Yelkich and Michael Gruszka. Councilman Tucker was absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, Town Attorney David Westland, and four interested citizen present, and two via Zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT - September 2021

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the September 2021 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from September 27th, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #11113 - #11161, White-Police #6145 - #6146, Water #2746 - #2800, Waste Water #4633-4665, and Stormwater Utility #7110 - #7113. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2021-27 2022 Budget & Tax Rate - A budget of all funds advertised at \$8,101,972, with a maximum estimated funds to be raised with tax levies of \$4,163,213. - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2021-27 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated the 2022 Bond Fund had been reduced by \$11,221., which will reflect a lower levy. The motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2021-17 - Transfer of Funds - within line items of the M.V.H., Cumulative Fire, and COIT Funds - Councilman Alessia moved to approve Resolution #2021-17, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 Street Improvements - Approve Pay Request #8 Dyer Construction - \$182,716.08 less retainage and approve White Voucher #11162 to Dyer Construction - \$165,353.47 Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Pay Request #8 and White Voucher #11162 to Dyer Construction, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

CDBG Project - Approve Pay Request to Gariup Construction - \$75,983.90 and approve White Voucher #11163 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve pay request to Gariup Construction, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meetings:

03/22 - Contract with Lake County Sheriff's Department for animal control service -
04/26 - Propose a Community Garden

NEW BUSINESS

Petition for Annexation - Lake County Trust Company/Lennar Homes - Cline Avenue Councilman Alessia moved to direct Krohn & Associates to prepare fiscal plan and set for Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Acceptance of Letter of Credit - \$385,000 - Beverly Estates II, Unit 1 - Some information had not been included on the bond, so the item was tabled on motion by Councilman Alessia, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

Added to agenda:

Memorandum of Understanding with Tri-Creek School Corporation for School Resources Officer - There were no change from the current agreement - Councilman Alessia moved to enter into the MOU, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Marketing Video - Councilman Yelkich moved to allow President Angerman to enter into the agreement for the scope of work after staff and attorney review, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Task Order #9 - West Side Sewer Extension Preliminary Engineering - Wessler Engineering - \$13,800.00 - Councilman Gruszka moved to accept Task Order #9 with Wessler Engineering, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 25th at 7:00 P.M.

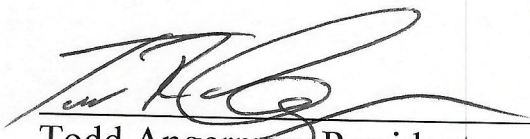
MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deanna Sutton, 11620 W 165th Avenue, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and the Winterfest Committee stated she was asked to reach out to the Town Council to let them know that there is a huge amount of disappointment that the decision had been made not to have a Parade of Lights but to again have the Santa Parade around the neighborhoods as done last year during the pandemic. Ms. Sutton stated the Winterfest will continue, and she hoped the Town would consider supporting, and also said they will be sponsoring the Christmas Tree Program in Old Town Square. She also asked council members to let the Chamber know what times works good for them to attend ribbon cuttings for new businesses.

George & Becky Harbinson, 17558 Willowbrook Drive, addressed the Council about a large tree that is dying behind their property that is a ten foot walkway, and asked who owns the property and is responsible for the tree. Mr. Hendrix stated it is not listed as an easement. Attorney Westland stated it was probably owned by the developer at the time the subdivision was developed, and suggested that staff review the area and discuss options and contact them when they decide what can be done.

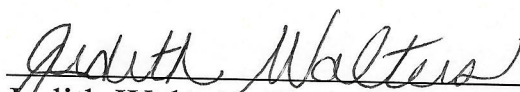
ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer