

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 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 John Alessia, Todd Angerman, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Councilman Mike Gruszka was absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, Town Attorney David Westland, GIS Director Greg White, one member of the press, and five interested citizens present, and one citizen on line.

TREASURER'S REPORT - March 2022

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from March 28th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #10334 - #10389, White-Police #1054 - #1064, Water #2145 - #2184, Waste Water #4191- #4232, and Stormwater Utility #6033 - #6040. Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP - Generator Project - Sweney Electric - Approve Changer Order #1 - \$7,612.00 increase - Mr. Hendrix stated that due to the hold time on the bid prior to the award, the generator manufacturer would no longer honor the original bid price and due to equipment cost increase the cost of the generator increased by \$7,612.00. He stated contractor Sweney Electric held their contract price.

Councilman Alessia moved to approve Change Order #1 to Sweney Electric for \$7,612,00, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

WWTP - UV Disinfection Replacement - Austgen Electric - approve Change Order #1 - additional time - Mr. Hendrix explained that additional time needs to be given to the contractor due to the delay in receiving the UV equipment. He stated due to disinfection season beginning April 1st and not ending until October 31st, the contract needs to be extended to allow Austgen Equipment to begin installation on November 1, 2022. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Change Order #1 to Austgen Equipment, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meeting -

11/0//21 - Enter into professional agreement with Etica Group.

Councilman Alessia moved to have agreement with Etica Group remain tabled, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Permission to close Mill & Jefferson Street for Car Cruise - Lowell Lion's Club - Will Farrellbegg, 515 Illinois Street, was present from Lowell Lion's Club to request the streets be closed on the evenings of the first Saturday of the month from May through September for their car cruise. He stated they have received no negative feedback from businesses in area, who seem to like having the event. Councilman Alessia moved to grant permission, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with three ayes and one abstention on roll call vote. Councilman Yelkich abstaining.

Request to waive Transcient License Fee and Special Event Permit Fee - LVFD Auxiliary - Nick Hylek, LVFD Chief, was present to request the fees be waived for the Ladies Auxiliary for their fundraiser they are planing for April 24th at the fire station. They are charging the vendors a fee to be present at the event and plan on having a 50/50 raffle to raise funds. He stated the auxiliary help the fire department during major fires. Councilman Tucker moved to waive the transcient background check fee and special event fee, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Request to waive Transcient License Fee and Special Event Permit Fee - Bartoberfest - Lowell Woman Club - Dorothy Eich, Clark Street, of the Woman's Club was present to ask the fees be waived. She stated last year the event generated a \$1,500 donation to the Dog Park. It was noted the Special Event Fee at Freedom Park has to be waived by the Freedom Park Committee because they

have a different fee structure. Councilman Alessia moved to waive the transient background check fees, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Act on agreement for Public Defender for Town Court - Mark Gruenhagen - Attorney Westland stated the Council is ratifying the agreement that Judge Shapiro has entered into with Attorney Mark Gruenhagen to provide professional services at a monthly fee of \$500. It was noted the agreement stated the Public Defender will obtain prior approval before incurring additional expenses for costs for pretrial preparation. Attorney Westland stated that is a reasonable amount and may see an amendment to the agreement in the future. Councilman Alessia moved to approve the agreement for the Lowell Town Court with Attorney Gruenhagen, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Added to agenda -

Acceptance of Beverly Estates, Unit 1 Pond - Councilman Yelkich moved to accept the pond from Bonnie Cripe, contingent upon Attorney Westland review of Quit Claim Deed and Sales Disclosure Form, and an approved price quote for installation of sidewalks to be paid by Mrs. Cripe. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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


MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Yelkich made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.


Todd Angerman, President

Attest:


Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer