

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, May 9, 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 Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Councilman John Alessia was absent. Also present were Police Chief James Woestman, Town Attorney David Westland, GIS Director Greg White, one member of the press, and one interested citizen present, and two citizens on line.

TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from April 25th , seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #10441 - #10491, White-Police #1072 - #1078, Water #2192 - #2202, Waste Water #4260- #4313, and Stormwater Utility #6049 - #6056. Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-07 - amend 2022 Salary Ordinance - Public Defender Salary - Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-07 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance #2022-08 - Zone Change - MCA Properties, LLC - Mohawk property - 153 acres - from R-2 and R-3 to PUD - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-08 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lowell WWTP - Improvement Project - Award bid to Bowen Engineering - JMOB had met earlier today and recommended that the base bid in the amount of \$1,866,000 plus Alternative Bid No. 2 in the amount of \$345,000 be awarded to Bowen Engineering, contingent upon Bowen approval of Change Order 1, for a deduct in the amount of \$471,000. Councilman Yelkich moved to award the base bid to Bowen Engineering in the amount of \$1,866,000, plus Alternate #2 in the amount of \$345,000 per the value engineering project scope contingent upon approval of Change Order #1 from Bowen Engineering for a deduct of \$471,000. The total construction costs of projects would be \$2,586,007, instead of the \$3,795,007 originally proposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with four ayes.

Act on 2021 hotel/motel tax distribution - The committee of Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters, Councilman Yelkich and Councilman Gruszka met and recommended the following: \$500.00 to Lowell Woman's Club for promotion of Barktoberfest; \$1,500 to Lowell Volunteer Fire Department for advertising their Fall Festival; \$1,000.00 to Labor Day Festival for advertising their festival, and the balance of funds for the 2022 Labor Day parade and/or Parade of Lights. Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the distributions as stated, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meeting -
11/0//21 - Enter into professional agreement with Etica Group -
Councilman Gruszka moved to have agreement with Etica Group remain tabled, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Added to agenda -
Approval for RFI - Councilman Gruszka stated the bill has been approved allowing Lowell to invest outside the normal parameters, and asked that Town Manager Hendrix be given approval to issue Request For Information for financial advisors from banking entities to invest funds from the sale of the Water Utility, so the Committee can review and bring a recommendation to Town Council. Councilman Gruszka moved to issue authority to Town Manager Hendrix to request RFI for the proceeds from the sale of the Water Utility, 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, May 23rd at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked about the Request for Information, and Councilman Gruszka responded that we are requesting qualifications for a financial advisor to advice on how to invest the funds. Mr. Abraham also asked for copies of the ordinances approved.

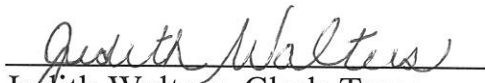
ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M., seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer