

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Stars and Stripes Division of the Sea Cadets, and followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Michael Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland. Also present was one member of the press and twenty-five interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from September 12th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #11026- #11089, White-Police #1132 -#1135, Water #2255- #2260, Waste Water #4657- #4690, and Stormwater Utility #6127- #6129. Councilman Tucker moved to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS

2022 Labor Day Parade Winners - Trophies and cash prizes were presented by President Angerman and Parade Chairman Susan Peterson to the following:

3rd Place - Stars and Stripes Sea Cadets and Sheet Metal Local Union 20

2nd Place - Lake County 4-H

1st Place - Mi-Ranchito

Overall Winner - St Edward's Church

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1st & 2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-19 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant Hours - \$ 10,858.37 - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold Ordinance #2022-19 aside for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters asked for second reading to post for third quarter. Councilman Alessia moved to suspend the rules to have second reading, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried. Councilman Tucker moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-19, Additional Appropriation, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1st & 2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-20 - Close out Retired Bond Funds - 2013 Debt Fund, Park Bond Fund, and Water Bond & Interest Fund - The three funds have a balance left from outstanding bonds that have been retired and this will transfer the balance to operating funds and close out those funds. Councilman Alessia moved to hold Ordinance #2022-20 aside for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-20 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to put the rules back in order, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

Resolution #2022-12 . Transfer of Funds within Freedom Park budget for part-time employees - \$1,651 - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Resolution #2022-12, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Investment Proceeds - Councilman Yelkich moved to invest funds with Peoples Bank, seconded by Councilman Tucker. Councilman Gruszka stated that a person from Peoples Bank had disciplinary action that resulted in a resignation from another institution and he felt it was a mistake to invest with Peoples Bank. Councilman Alessia asked if the person was still with Peoples Bank and Councilman Gruszka said the person made the presentation to the committee. The motion carried with four ayes, one nay with Councilman Gruszka voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Waive no dogs on Park Trail Policy for Barktoberfest - Freedom Park Committee had recommended the policy be waived during the Barktoberfest on Saturday, October 1st so the dogs could parade on the trail. Councilman Yelkich moved to waive the policy for the Barktoberfest, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. A Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget will be held.


MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked the amount of funds that will be invested with People's Bank and President Angerman stated the amount has not yet been determined.

Mr. Abraham asked Councilman Gruszka where he had heard about the disciplinary action on the employee at People's Bank and Councilman Gruszka stated he had located it on line.

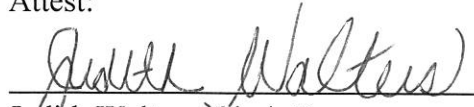
ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 P.M., seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer