

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7: 02 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 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 were Bryan Schuch of SEH, one member of the press and two interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the work session, executive session and regular meeting minutes from October 10th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #11153- #11212 , White-Police #1143 -#1150, Water #2265- #2271, Waste Water #4751- #4788, and Stormwater Utility #6136- #6141 . Councilman Yelkich moved to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-21 - 2023 Budget & Tax Rates - \$6,879,704 for Tax Levied Funds - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-21, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-22 - Establish Opioid Settlement Funds - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-22 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2022-13 - Transfer of Funds within Freedom Park budget for part-time employees - \$1,200 - Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Resolution #2022-13, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2022-14 - Amendment to Declaratory Resolution for Lowell Economic Development Area - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Resolution #2022-14, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Commission - No applications had been received. Discussion followed on whether to re-advertise or to wait until appointments at year end. Councilman Alessia reached out to Mr. Dave Regan who is interested in Police Commission, but was appointed to Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Yelkich moved to appoint Mr. Regan to Police Commission, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Mr. Hendrix recommended Mr Bryan Schuch to serve on BZA. Councilman Gruszka moved to appoint Bryan Schuch to BZA contingent upon an application being completed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried on five ayes on roll call vote.

2021 Community Crossing Grant Street Improvements - Approve Change Order #2 - deduct of \$68,148.90 to adjust for planned quantities to match the installed quantities and approve

Pay Request #5 - \$3,722.82 and PR #6 Release Retainage - \$109,443.95 to Milestone Contractors & Approve Voucher #11213 and Voucher #11214 - Town Manager Hendrix reviewed the Change Order and Pay Requests. Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the Change Order, and Pay Request #5 and Pay Request #6 to Milestone Contractors and authorize Clerk-Treasurer to issue Vouchers #11213 and #11214 for payment, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

SRO/Memorandum of Understanding - Tri-Creek School Corporation - Police Chief Jim Woestman stated this is for the 2022-2023 school year and there were some minor changes to the SRO responsibilities. Councilman Gruszka moved to enter into MOU with Tri-Creek School Corporation, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hendrix stated there will be a Public Hearing on the Long Term Control Plan amendment.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune asked about eminent domain for the old Garden Center and Attorney Westland stated they will pay fair market value.


ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer