

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, November 28, 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, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Vice-President Michael Gruszka was absent. 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 one interested citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from November 14th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #11282- #11324 , White-Police #1161 -#1165, Water #2277- #2300, Waste Water #4847- #4876, and Stormwater Utility #6152- #6155 . Councilman Tucker moved to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-25 - Amend Chapter 92 - Prohibition on retail sale of dogs/cats by Pet Stores - Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-25, by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

2nd reading - Ordinance #2022-26 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant - \$7,280.00 - Councilman Tucker moved to adopt Ordinance #2022-26 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

1st reading - Ordinance #2022-27 - 2023 Salary Ordinance - Councilman Alessia moved to hold for second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated the 2023 approved budget had been received from the DLGF, and is fully funded and the salary ordinance was based on a 5% cost of living raise and increase to longevity. The motion carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

1st reading - Ordinance #2022-28 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant - \$ 26,498.40 - Councilman Tucker moved to hold for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2022-15 - Investment Policy Statement - Councilman Alessia moved to table Resolution #2022-15 to next meeting, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP Generator Project - Approve Pay Request #4 to Sweney Electric - \$11,230.00 less retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4873 - \$10,107.00 - Councilman Tucker moved to approve Pay Request #4 and Voucher #4873 to Sweney Electric, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

WWTP Improvements - Approve Pay Request #3 to Bowen Engineering - \$195,184.90 less retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4874 to Bowen Engineering in the amount of \$185,425.66 - Councilman Alessia moved to approve Pay Request #3 and Voucher #4874 to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Permission to sell Outlot C - Pine Ridge Estates and authorize town attorney to execute sale - Councilman Yelkich moved to authorize the sale of Outlot C in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Enter into Sweeping Services Agreement with State of Indiana for Route 2 - The agreement is for the Town to be paid for sweeping services of State Road 2 in the amount of \$2,088 annually for the next four years with the Indiana Department of Transportation. Councilman Alessia moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

INDOT Projects Funding - Group 3 Funds - The two projects to be submitted for Washington Street and Mill Street were discussed during the work session. The projects would be for 2028 construction season and the application will be submitted and scored. The projects would be a 80/20 match. Councilman Tucker moved to approve submitting the projects, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Permission to advertise for Boards/Commission openings for 2023 - Councilman Alessia moved to advertise for openings on the Plan Commission, B.Z.A., Police Commission, Storm Drainage Board, Historic Board, and Freedom Park Committee, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes. The deadline will be set at December 31, 2022.

Town Court Clerk position - Councilman Yelkich moved to begin the process to add a full time position to be shared with the Town Court/Building Department beginning January 1,2023. The motion was seconded by Council Alessia and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Purchase of 1991 Fire Truck to be converted for leaf truck - Councilman Alessia moved to approve the purchase of \$25,000 for the used fire truck, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with four ayes on roll call vote.

Set last meeting of December - Due to the holidays, Councilman Alessia moved to hold the last meeting of 2022 on Tuesday, December 27th at 1:00 P.M., seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with four ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked about the funding for the Washington and Mill Street projects and asked about the fire truck being used for a leaf vac.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M., seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer