

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday October 9, 2023 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 Michael Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland and Financial Consultant Corby Thompson via Zoom. Also present was one member of the press and ten interested citizens.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - September 2023

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Angerman stated he reviewed and recommend approval of the following vouchers: White Vouchers #11122 - #11189 - \$988,806.61, White- Police - #1127-#1131 - \$2,703.51, Waste Water #4775- #4822 - \$222,258.63, and Stormwater Utility #6148 - #6154 - \$14,768.66. Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-15 - 2024 Budget & Tax Rate - The budget was presented at the September 25<sup>th</sup> public hearing for a total of all funds of \$ 20,124,114, with a total tax levy of \$5,877,459. Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-15 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. The budget will be forwarded to Department of Local Government Finance for approval.

Ordinance #2023-17 - General Obligation Bond Ordinance - \$4,000,000 - A Public Hearing was opened by President Angerman. There being no questions, the hearing was closed. Councilman Tucker moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-17, General Obligation Bond Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-18 - GO Bond Additional Appropriation - \$4,000,000 - Councilman Gruszka moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-18 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance #2023-19 - Authorizing Advance Payments on contracts for Public Work Projects - This ordinance will allow the town to make advance payments to contractors to purchase materials. Councilman Gruszka moved to hold for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2023-08 - Transfer of Funds - with General - Police Budget - \$ 15,000 - from Insurance to Professional Services - Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Resolution #2023-08, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution #2023-09 - A Petition for an increase above the maximum levy for a three-year growth factor - \$382,081 for 2024 budget - Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Resolution #2023-09, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP Improvement Project - Approve Pay Request #15 - Bowen Engineering - \$25,558.00 less retainage and approve Sewer Voucher #4821 - \$ 24,280.10 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Pay Request #15 and Sewer Voucher #4821 to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Pickleball Court Project - M & J Underground - Pay Request #1 - \$268,962.00 - less retainage and approve White Voucher #11173 - \$242,065.80 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Pay Request #1 and Voucher #11173 to M & J Underground, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

CCMG Street Paving #2022-2 Project - Milestone Contractors - Approve Pay Request #2A - \$8906.97 and release retainage - \$86,855.59 and approve White Voucher #11171 - \$95,762.56 - Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Pay Request #2A and Voucher #11171 to Milestone Contractors, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

Permission to advertise additional appropriation - MVH - \$200,000 - Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated this amount will appropriate the funds for the CCMG 2023-01 Project to be completed in 2024. Councilman Gruszka moved to grant permission to advertise the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

GO Bonds - enter into private placement agreement with Stifel Public Finance - Councilman Gruszka moved to enter into agreement at a not to exceed sum of \$20,000, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Town Manager Hendrix stated that the Zoom Video on meetings are now available on the town website. Mr. White stated if you go on website, you will go to government, town council to access. The video will stay up for 90 days. The ordinance for the procedures will be acted on at the next regular meeting.

## MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS


Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked for copies of the 2024 budget and growth appeal resolution.

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Gruszka made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

  
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Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

  
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Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer