

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday December 11, 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, John Alessia, Todd Angerman, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin, and Town Attorney David Westland via Zoom. Also present was one member of the press and thirty interested citizens.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - November 2023

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the regular meeting and executive session minutes from November 27th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Angerman stated he reviewed and recommended approval of the following vouchers: White Vouchers #11378 - #11465 - \$847,350.92, White-Police - #1154-#1159 - \$7,200.93, Water #2015- \$9,629.00, Waste Water #4932-#4991 - \$813,721.76, and Stormwater Utility #6174 - #6184 - \$ 15,207.63. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve the vouchers, tabling Water Voucher #2015 to Dentons, Bingham, Greenbaum LLC, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**PRESENTATION**

2023 Parade of Light Winners - Cyndi Hughes, Park Director, presented the winners of the parade held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Lake County 4-H  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - St. Edwards Catholic Church  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - Travis Farms

Participants present were applauded and it was noted that St. Edwards Church and Travis Farms would be donating their parade winnings to Tri-Creek School lunch program or PTO.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

1st reading - Ordinance #2023-23 - 2024 Salary Ordinance Councilman Gruszka moved to hold Ordinance #2023-23 for second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. President Angerman stated some positions will be tweaked before the next reading before adoption.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-24 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant - \$9,301.80 - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold over Ordinance #2023-24 for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to suspend the rules to hold second reading, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes.

Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Ordinance 2023-24 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> reading - Ordinance #2023-25 - create 2023 GO Bond Construction Fund - Councilman Yelkich Alessia moved to hold for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Ordinance #2023-25 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia 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.

Resolution #2023-12 - Transfer of Funds within 2020 Bond Construction Fnd and Stormwater Fund - Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Resolution #2023-12, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Added to agenda - Act on 1/4ly fees for Park Department - A request to update the fees for the dog park for 2024 was presented by Park Director Cyndi Hughes - The fees will be \$75.00 annually with \$20 for each additional dog per household, and \$125 for non-residents. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve the 2024 fees, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Freedom Parking Lot Bids - Councilman Yelkich moved to table, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

WWTP Evaluation and PER Update - Wessler Engineering - Task Order No. 16 - \$20,000 - An update on the project was given during the work session - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve Task Order #16, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

West Side Sewer Project - Approve agreement with American Valuation Appraisal Services - \$21,660.00 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meeting -  
11/3 Permission to sell old vehicles/equipment - This item remains tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Letter of Credit - Lennar Homes - Kingston Ridge - Phase I - \$6,178,110.88 - Councilman Gruszka moved to approve the Letter of Credit with Lennar Homes, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Police Department Camera and Security - Tri-Electronics - As discussed during the work session a new security camera is needed at the Police Station and the same technology will be used at Nassau Park. The quote includes the server that will be used on all cameras and is the same system used by many schools and the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters noted that funds were available for the purchase from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. As recommended by Attorney Westland, a motion to suspend the bidding requirement due to being the only vendor to provide said equipment would be Tri-Electronics and to accept the quote was made by Councilman Yelkich, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Elected Town Council Members - Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters swore in newly elected Councilmembers Michael Gruszka for Ward 1, John Alessia for Ward 3, and John Yelkich for Ward 5.

Presentation to Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters, who is retiring with 49 years as a town employee, with 28 years as clerk-treasurer. Phillip Kuiper and Susan Peterson presented a plaque and sign to the Town to be erected to name the council chambers the "Judith Walters Chambers", as approved by the council at a previous meeting. The council presented the sign and a clock commemorating their appreciation for her years of service. Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated that she was honored by the act and stated that she has enjoyed her years working for the town and the various departments, town councils, and her staff over the years and has loved serving the citizens of her town.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

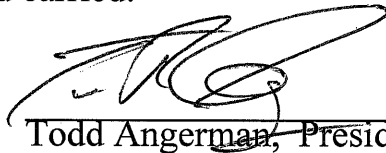
President Angerman announced due to the holiday, the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.

### **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked for a copy of the proposed salary ordinance and congratulated Judy Walters on her retirement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business, Councilman Tucker made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried.



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Todd Angerman, President

Attest:

  
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Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer