

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 4:12 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 John Alessia, Todd Angerman, and John Yelkich. Councilman Michael Gruszka and Councilman Shane Tucker were absent. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin, Attorney David Westland via Zoom, and five interested citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the work session and regular meeting minutes from December 11th, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the vouchers and asked approval of the following: White Vouchers #11466 - #11532- \$ 363,603.37, Police - #1160-#1165 - \$ 5,652.81, Waste Water #4992- #5014- \$89,585.60, and Stormwater Utility #6185 - #6187 - \$ 8,248.81. Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2023-23 - 2024 Salary Ordinance - Councilman Yelkich moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-23 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

1st & 2nd reading - Ordinance #2023-26 - create Coronavirus Fiscal Relief - Lake County - Town Manager Hendrix stated the fund is for the pledge of Lake County ARP Funds of one million toward the development of West Side Sewer Project. Councilman Yelkich moved to hold over Ordinance #2023-26, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes. Councilman Alessia moved to adopt Ordinance #2023-26 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Alessia moved to put the rules back in order, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried.

Resolution #2023-13 - transfer of funds within the General - Fire Budget - \$14,000 and Park Fund - \$55,000 - Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Resolution #2023-13, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled from previous meetings - Councilman Alessia moved to untable the items, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried.

11/27 - Permission to bid out old vehicles/equipment- A list of six old police cars will be advertised for sale on motion by Councilman Yelkich, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes.

12/11 - Freedom Parking Lot Bids - At the last meeting the item was tabled and they were going to wait to transfer funds within the 2024 Park budget. After review of the budget, Clerk-Treasurer Walters has recommended that the project be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund and encumbered for 2024. Councilman Alessia moved to approve the parking lot project to M & J Underground in the amount of to \$112,000, with \$50,000 being paid by CDBG Funding, and balance of \$62,000 encumbered from Cumulative Capital Development Funds, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

Water Voucher #2015 - Denton, Bingham, Greenbaum - \$9,629.00 - Attorney Westland had contacted Attorney McGimpsey concerning the amount of the invoice and they had agreed to lower the bill by \$2,000.00. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve Water Voucher #2015 to Denton Bingham & Greenbaum in the amount of \$7,629.00, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Act on four year contract with Town Manager Craig Hendrix - Councilman Alessia moved to enter into a new four year agreement with Craig Hendrix, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

Approve vacation days - Councilman Yelkich moved to approve back pay vacation days to Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

Added to agenda -

Purchase of 2024 F250 Crew Cab from Terry's Ford for fire department - Fire Chief Chris Gamblin asked for permission to purchase a new truck to replace the 2011 Chevy that will be transferred to street department. A quote had been received from Terry's Ford of Peotone in the amount of \$ 65,274.26.

Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters stated funds are available in the Cumulative Fire Fighting Fund. Councilman Yelkich moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with three ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Alessia congratulated Clerk-Treasurer Judy Walters on her last town council meeting.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 4:22 P.M., seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with three ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer