

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr called the roll. The members present were Michael Gruszka, Todd Angerman, John Alessia, Shane Tucker and Phillip Kuiper. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Assistant Police Chief Nick Kaczmarczyk, Fire Chief Chris Gamblin and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland and Tom Everett, Bond Counsel joined via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the May 11, 2026, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the April 2026 Clerk-Treasurer's Report; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman had reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #15065 - 15132 \$1,538,508.43; White – Police #1657-1670 \$6,178.31; and Wastewater #8819 - 8858 \$2,575,525.89. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried five ayes on roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Maintenance Facility and/or Public Safety Training Facility

Council President Todd Angerman opened the Consolidated Public Hearing on a Lease for certain Real Estate and Improvements in the Town & Additional Appropriation. Being no remonstrators for or against, the public hearing was closed.

Resolution No. 2026-04 – Resolution of the Town Council Of The Town Of Lowell, Indiana Approving the Execution of a Lease For Certain Real Estate and Improvements in the Town including a New Town Maintenance Building and/or a New Town Public Safety Training Facility, Pledging Certain Available General Fund Revenues to the payment of Lease Rentals Thereunder, Appropriating the Proceeds of the Sale of Real Estate to the Town Of Lowell, Indiana Building Corporation and Authorizing Related Actions. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve Resolution No. 2026-04; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026

Councilman Angerman opened the Public Hearing for Lowell 2026 CDBG Proposed Project Application and read the Opening Comments into the record. Kerry Longo inquired about the project and how to apply. Town Manager Hendrix stated that the project is for ADA improvements at Old Town Square. Being no other comments, Councilman Angerman closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2026-05 – A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Town Council President of the Town of Lowell to Submit a Project Proposal for Community Development Block Grant

Funds for Federal Fiscal Years 2026. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve Resolution No. 2026-05; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Lowell 2026 CDBG Citizen Action Plan, approve and affirm Lowell 2026 CDBG Affirmative Action Plan and Implementation of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2026-05 – Amending Tow Fees

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve Ordinance NO. 2026-05 Amending Tow Fees; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. It was noted that the fee will be \$50.00. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Tucker to put the rules back in place; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Resolution No. 2026-06 – Transfers

Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Resolution No. 2026-06 – Transfers; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Clerk-Treasurer Murr noted that this was for the CEDIT fund for the maintenance facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance Facility Claims

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve maintenance facility claims totaling \$443,915.72 which include Hasse Construction, PR#10 – \$437,952.97, Neri Architects – \$243.75 and AES - \$5,719.00, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Nassau Park Claims

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve Nassau Park Claims totaling \$530,902.77 which include Hasse Construction, PR#19 – \$520,945.78, AES - \$4,742.00 and Amazon - \$5,214.99, motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Maintenance Facility Change Orders

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Hasse Construction – Maintenance Facility Change Orders #'s 2-8, 12-14 and 17 for a total of \$359,488.00; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Flight Levelz Entertainment

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve Flight Levelz Entertainment – Inv #1177 - \$1,650.00 for two opening acts Nassau Park payable from the water proceed fund; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Krohn & Associates Annual Engagement Agreement

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve Krohn & Associates Annual Engagement Agreement; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Civic Plus

Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Civic Plus Proposal for Town of Lowell Website and allowing a 30% down payment in the amount of \$8,337.90; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Purchase Approval

Motin by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the purchase of four street department trucks in the amount of \$478,636.00 utilizing Sourcewell pricing; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Interlocal Agreement

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to untable the Joint Interlocal Agreement from Lake County to the Town of Lowell for assistance with firefighting capital; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the Joint Interlocal Agreement from Lake County to the Town of Lowell for assistance with firefighting capital; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Town & Country Proposal

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve amending the agenda to include Town & Country Paving proposal for paving on Main Street from Liberty to the Railroad tracks in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 and to approve the proposal; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm, noting the date change due to Memorial Day Holiday.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS


None

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to adjourn at 7:18 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Attest:


Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer



Todd Angerman, President