# LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
# REGULAR MEETING
# September 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, September 28, 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 Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker and Phillip Kuiper. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman and GIS Director Greg White. Town Attorney David Westland was present.

## PRESENTATION

Cyndi Hughes presented the 2026 Labor Day Parade winners. First Place – Smith Auto Group, Second Place – Lowell High School Marching Band, and Third Place – Blue Star Moms.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the September 14, 2026, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

## APPROVAL OF CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

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

## APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman had reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #15732-15787 $624,445.16; White – Police #1743-1748 $20,082.20; and Wastewater #9104-9156 $287,659.21. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

## PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRANCES, PROCLAMATIONS

Town Council acknowledge receipt of email communication from Riley Midkiff regarding Freedom Trail and a letter to INDOT.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Nassau Park Claim

Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Nassau Park Claim to Amazon in the amount of $165.11 payable from Water Proceed Fund; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

### Wessler Engineering

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve Wessler Engineering Task Order #21 – WWTP General Services – sewer voucher #9173 - $5,772.50 and Task Order #22 – WWTP Ext.- sewer voucher #9174 - $21,704.15; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

### Bowen Engineering

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Bowen Engineering, PR#2-WWTP-sewer voucher #9176 - $186,753.85; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Police Vehicle**
Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the purchase of a replacement police vehicle in an amount $60,000.00 with upfitting less the insurance reimbursement; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Heritage Falls, Phase 4 – Unit 3 – Maintenance Bond**
Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the release Heritage Falls Phase 4 – Unit 3 Maintenance Bond #7901112697 in the amount of $91,115.31; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Beverly Estates Unit 2, Phase 2**
Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the release Beverly Estates Unit 2, Phase 2 Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #5 in the amount of $235,906.41; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Beverly Estates Unit 2, Phase 1**
Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the release Beverly Estates Unit 2, Phase 1 Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #6 in the amount of $14,850.00; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Annexation**
Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Kuiper to set November 9, 2026, for Annexation Public Hearings; motion carried with five ayes on rollcall vote. It was noted that one is a one parcel annexation on Clark and the other is on Austin Street.

**Park Department Quarterly Fees**
Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Park Department Quarterly Fees; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Park Department Nassau Park Amphitheater Rental Agreement Form and Fees**
Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Park Department Nassau Park Amphitheater Rental Agreement form and fees; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Monster March and Oktoberfest Special Event Permit**
Motion by councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the Special Event permit for Town of Lowell Monster March and Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 17, 2026, Nassau Park; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Lowell Chamber of Commerce Winterfest Special Event Permit**
Motion by Councilman Kuper and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Winterfest Special Event permit for Saturday, December 5, 2026, 8 am to 8 pm with the closure of Library Street and Fremont Street, and the waiver of transient merchant fees; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Bel Aire Lane Block Party Special Event Permit**
Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve Special Event permit for Bel Aire Lane Block Party on October 2, 2027; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Police Training Facility**
Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to reject all bids for the Police Training Facility/Shooting Range; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Nassau Park Hours**
Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to set Nassau Park hours to 8:00 am to dusk; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Nassau Park**
Motion by Councilman Kuiper and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the purchase and payment for two sets of cornhole boards in the amount of $800.00 for the materials, all labor is being donated; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Fire Training
Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve the INDOT closure permit for training and a controlled burn; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 4 pm to 7 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2026. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 7 pm.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Vicki, a Lowell resident, requested Council to be more vocal in correcting misinformation that is out regarding the Tri-Creek referendum and thanked Council for their support. Rick Reed, 5856 Highgrove Court, spoke on the condition of the subdivision streets in Oaks of Cedar Creek. There was discussion on the streets being private and not maintained by the Town. Mr. Reed provided a copy of his comments to the Clerk-Treasurer. Pat Borowsk, 16982 Golden Oak Drive, of Oaks of Cedar Creek spoke on the condition of the roadways and a dead tree on the half lot next to her. It was noted that the tree is on private property.

**ADJOURNMENT**
No further business, Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to adjourn at 7:59 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Todd Angerman, President

Attest:
Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer