

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019
12 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Perry Beachum, Diane LaWarre, Jim Salzwedel and Chair Reagan

Absent: Melissa Spino.

Also Present: City Clerk Susan Ullery and Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by SALZWEDEL approve the agenda as written.

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SALZWEDEL to approve the regular minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting as written.

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM to approve the financial reports.

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Beachum mentioned Parks Commissioner Paula Meirendorf had stated there are residents who are upset about the way trees are being trimmed by the DPW. Czarnecki explained the DPW is trimming trees within the right of way so the school buses do not hit the branches.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Commemorative Trees – Cost of Plaques. Czarnecki stated he reached out to the Lowell Granite Company regarding the cost of a 5 x 9 plaques. The cost is \$275 for three lines. Beachum was in favor of the proposed plaque, noting individuals would pay for their own plaque. The board discussed an honorary plaque for Jim Hodges.

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by LAWARRE to purchase an honorary plaque for Jim Hodges for the years he served on the Lowell City Council.

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Landscaping around Fence at Cemetery. The board discussed landscaping near the fence. It was noted many people park their vehicles alongside of the fence. Reagan stated it is easier to mow without any plantings.

By general consensus, the board agreed to no plantings.

- c. Additional Tree Options for Downtown. The downtown trees were discussed. Czarnecki noted the trees can be messy, block businesses, but yet they add to the downtown. He wanted to create a long-term plan and presented a booklet of urban trees and what other tree experts recommend. LaWarre commented on the root system of trees. Czarnecki explained a barrio can be put in place before the tree is planted which allows the roots to grow downward.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Spring Plantings. Ullery stated she placed this on the agenda in case the board wanted to discuss spring plantings. The board referenced the idea of Czarnecki putting a plan in place.

8. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

Reagan noted Betten Baker was the recipient of this year's Arbor Day Tree. However, the landscaping has been completed.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and seconded by BEACHUM to provide Betten Baker with a check in the amount of \$250 toward their already completed landscaping which recognizes the celebration of Arbor Day in the City of Lowell.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by BEACHUM to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary