

CITY OF LOWELL  
MICHIGAN  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

AT  
LOWELL CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SECOND FLOOR  
301 EAST MAIN STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2011 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. PENDING COUNCIL PROJECTS REPORT
7. MPPA/ AMP OHIO COMBINED CYCLE GENERATING FACILITY AGREEMENT
8. CITY DUMPSTER CONTAINER BIDS
9. ALTITUDE VALVE REPAIR QUOTES
10. AIRPORT PROPERTY/TREE AGREEMENTS
11. KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT
12. MONTHLY REPORTS
13. COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS
14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
15. APPOINTMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak on an item included on the printed meeting agenda may do so. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair, at which time they will be required to state their name and will be allowed five (5) minutes maximum to address the Council. A speaker representing a subdivision association or group will be allowed ten (10) minutes to address the Council.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council  
FROM: Mark Howe, City Manager  
RE: Council Agenda for Monday, October 17, 2011

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7. MPPA/ AMP OHIO COMBINED CYCLE GENERATING FACILITY AGREEMENT

Greg Pierce, General Manager of Lowell Light and Power, will be presenting a proposal to participate in the MPPA/ AMP Ohio Combined Cycle Generating facility. The project is very similar to other MPPA projects in which Light and Power participates as part owners (like the DTE Belle River Generating Plant, Consumers Campbell Plant and the Kalkaska Combustion Turbine Facility).

Suggested motion: That the Lowell City Council approve the MPPA/AMP Ohio Combined Cycle Generating facility agreement and authorize appropriate signatures.

8. CITY DUMPSTER CONTAINER BIDS

Dan DesJarden, Director of Lowell Public Works, has obtained quotes for the use of dumpster containers at city facilities that will save more than 50 percent over our current expenses. The quotes are:

Allied Waste: \$6,331  
Flat River Waste: \$4,642  
Green Valley Disposal: \$4,181

The low quote is from a company out of Comstock Park while the second lowest is less than \$500 more from a company located in Lowell. Our recommendation is that the council approve the local quote for \$4,642 from Flat River Waste.

Suggested motion: That the Lowell City Council approve the quote from Flat River Waste in the amount of \$4,642 annually to provide dumpster containers for city facilities and that the City Manager be authorized to execute the related documents.

## 9. ALTITUDE VALVE REPAIR QUOTES

Bob Robinson, Water Distribution Supervisor, has obtained quotes to replace the Altitude Valve at the water tank on Gee Drive. The city's water system involves water tanks at Shepard Drive and Gee Drive. When the water level in the Shepard Drive tank drops to a pre-determined level pumps at the water treatment plant are activated and start drawing water from the ground storage tank located behind the water treatment plant. When water is being pumped into the system both tanks begin to fill. Since the Gee Drive tank is closer to the source it fills faster than the Shepard Drive tank and it would over flow before the Shepard Drive tank was full without the altitude valve. The altitude valve automatically senses the height of the water in the Gee Drive tank and it begins to close, causing backpressure in the system and allowing the Shepard Drive tank to fill. When the water level sensor in the Shepard Drive tank senses that it is full, it turns off the pumps at the water treatment plant. As the water level equalizes in both tanks the altitude valve opens and allows water to be used from both tanks and the cycle starts all over again.

The quotes are:

Layne Christensen: \$3,080

Peerless Midwest: \$4,747

Both quotes include the use of city staff as a third person in order to meet OSHA requirements for a third person while work is being done in confined spaces. We recommend that the council approve the quote from Layne Christensen at \$3,080.

Suggested motion: That the Lowell City Council approve the quote from Layne Christensen for \$3,080 to replace the altitude valve at the Gee Drive water tank and that the City Manager be authorized to execute the related documents.

## 10. AIRPORT PROPERTY/TREE AGREEMENTS

You have previously approved a grant agreement with the State of Michigan to be used to execute agreements to remove trees within the flight area surrounding the runways at the Lowell City Airport. The first of these agreements has been negotiated and documents are in the process of being prepared in consultation with the City Attorney. During discussion with the City Attorney it was discussed that it is necessary for the City Council to approve these agreements, or for the Council to authorize the City Manager to approve these agreements within certain parameters. If you are comfortable with the latter arrangement, it seems efficient, and it is my recommendation, that you authorize the City Manager to approve these agreements as long as they meet with the approval of the City Attorney as to form and that the total financial commitment does not exceed the total grant funds, including the match from the Airport Fund.

Suggestion motion: That the Lowell City Council authorize the City Manager to execute agreements with property owners for tree clearing near the Lowell City Airport subject to those agreements being approved by the City Attorney as to form and that the total of the agreements does not exceed the funds available through a \$56,000 grant agreement with the State of Michigan, including the local match from the Airport Fund.

11. KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

The Kent County Board of Public Works has notified the City of Lowell that it has prepared an amendment to the Kent County Solid Waste Plan. The amendment will require the approval of a certain number of Kent County municipalities in order for it to be adopted. My recommendation is that this item appear on your agenda at this meeting for discussion and information only and to allow the Lowell Community to know that we have been asked to approve the amendment. We would then have this as an action item at your November 7, 2011, meeting.

12. MONTHLY REPORTS

The Monthly Reports are included for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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| Andrew Schrauben                        | Lowell Airport Board<br>Parks and Recreation Commission<br>Lowell Area Recreation Authority                                            |
| Maryalene LaPonsie                      | Planning Commission<br>Zoning Board of Appeals<br>Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority                                    |
| Jeff Altoft                             | Board of Review<br>Downtown Development Authority                                                                                      |
| Sharon Ellison                          | Arbor Board<br>LCTV Endowment Board                                                                                                    |
| Jim Hodges                              | Lowell Light and Power<br>Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors<br>Look Memorial Fund                                                 |
| Commissions without<br>Representatives: | Downtown Historic District Commission<br>Construction Board of Appeals<br>Building Authority<br>Local Officers Compensation Commission |

14. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

The City Manager’s Report is included for your consideration.

15. APPOINTMENTS

The following boards or commissioners positions need appointment or reappointment:

Board of Review		<u>Terms Expires</u>
Alternate Position	appointment	

16. ADJOURNMENT