

IT WAS MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and supported by SCHWAB to approve the one year Public Park Use Agreement with the Lowell High School Lacrosse Team for a period ending December 31, 2013.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

C. FIRST REVIEW OF CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 11 – GARBAGE, TRASH AND REFUSE

Copies of suggested revisions for Chapter 11 – Garbage, Trash and Refuse was provided and discussed by the Council as well as the future of the trash contract with the city which expires in the fall.

IT WAS MOVED BY ELLSION and supported by HALL to establish a public hearing for Monday, May 20, 2013 to received public comments regarding Chapter 11 – Garbage, Trash and Refuse and the future of the trash contract with the city.

YEA: 5. NAY 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

D. LCTV GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

The LCTV Endowment Fund Board met and made the following recommendations for the 2013 LCTV Endowment grants. City Manager Howe recommended approval as presented.

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL and supported by ELLISON to approve the following 2013 grant applications from the LCTV Endowment Fund as recommended.

City of Lowell	LCTV Fund Administration Expenses	\$4,000.
City of Lowell	Riverwalk/Library State Planning	\$12,000.
City of Lowell	Street Reconstruction: Sibley St.	\$50,000.
City of Lowell	Urban Forest Initiative	\$12,000.
Kent County Youth Assn.	Golf Carts and Trailer for Fair and Community Events	\$4,000.
Lowell Area Fire Dept.	24' x 32' Storage Garage	\$15,000.
Lowell Charter Twp.	Park Ash Tree Removal	\$7,000.
Lowell Dog Park	Lowell Dog Park Drinking Water Source	<u>\$2,000.</u>
	Total:	\$106,000.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

E. CITY MANAGER PRESENTS BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

City Manager Howe presented his recommendations for the 2013-14 Budget. A work session for Council is scheduled for Monday, April 22 at 6 p.m. and will be further discussed at the May 6 Council

meeting. A public hearing should be scheduled for the May 20, 2013 City Council meeting to receive comments from the public.

IT WAS MOVED BY ELLISON and supported by SCHRAUBEN to establish a public hearing for Monday, May 20, 2013 to receive comments from the public on the 2013-14 Budget.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS.**

No comments were received from materials presented.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Schwab noted the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority will be meeting next month. Schwab also said we should appreciate life and his thoughts and prayers are with the City of Boston.

Councilmember Hall noted the Planning Commission is working on the sign ordinance and Dr. Bob Reagan passed away on Sunday, April 14th.

Councilmember Schrauben noted the Airport Board met last week and had five (5) members of the public attend. The Board discussed hangar and facilities maintenance. The Lowell Area Recreation Authority was disappointed that their grant for Phase II of the trail project did not receive any LCTV Funds. Schrauben mentioned that he will be attending the April 23 Kent County Parks and Recreation Workgroup meeting. Schrauben also noted he attended the FIRST Robotics competition held at Eastern Michigan and congratulated the Red Arrow Robotics team for their great job. His thoughts and prayers are also with the City of Boston.

Councilmember Ellison noted she was unable to attend this month's Arbor Board meeting but the board is working on Arbor Day activities. The LCTV Endowment Fund Board met and made final recommendations to the City Council. She mentioned this year was very difficult due to \$272,664.93 in grant requests and only \$106,000.00 to award. The Downtown Development Authority did not meet this month. A business owner contacted Ellison about concerns with the closure of Main Street and Riverside Dr. on Sunday, Mother's Day for the 2013 Bicycle Stage Race.

Mayor Hodges noted a contingency of Lowell Light and Power traveled to the APPA Lineman's Rodeo and Technical Conference and received the 2012 National Safety Award and the 2012 APPA RP3 designation for the second time in row. Also L&P Utility Services Coordinator Sharon Morris has completed the American Public Power Association's Energy Efficiency Management Program. At the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting they discussed the success of the Expo and Girls Night Out that is scheduled for April 18. The Look Memorial Fund grants are due April 30th and the Committee will meet on May 15th. Last Saturday, April 13 was the grand opening of the Flat River Gallery and Framing (219 W. Main).