

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013, 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hodges and City Clerk Morlock called the roll.

Present: Councilmembers Chris Schwab, Jim Hall, Andrew Schrauben and Mayor Jim Hodges.

Absent: Sharon Ellison.

Also Present: City Clerk Betty Morlock, Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Airport Manager Jim Sowle.

IT WAS MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and supported by HALL to excuse the absence of Councilmember Sharon Ellison.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and supported by SCHWAB to approve the agenda as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

A. July 1, 2013 – Regular Meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL and supported by SCHRAUBEN to approve the regular minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting as written.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL and supported by SCHWAB that the bills and accounts payables be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Schwab, Hall, Schrauben and Mayor Hodges.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. (Ellison) MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/15/2013)

GENERAL FUND	\$9,087.83
MAJOR STREET FUND	4.99
LOCAL STREET FUND	63,404.50
DOWNTOWN DEVELOP	319.81
DESIGNATED CONTR	600.00
GENERAL DEBT SER	200.00
AIRPORT FUND	2,826.73
WASTEWATER FUND	1,287.20
WATER FUND	5,101.99
CABLE TV FUND	7,000.00
DATA PROCESSING	1,899.74
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,642.87
CURRENT TAX COLL	32.80

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

No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **PENDING COUNCIL PROJECTS REPORT**

City Manager Howe noted the sidewalk construction project was to start July 15 but due to an emergency it is delayed for a week. Also, the Ridgeview connector to the LARA trail has been redesigned to come down the east side of Ridgeview to Sibley Street.

Howe also noted the contractor continues to clean and televise the wastewater lines in the areas impacted by the flood. Several spots have been found that will need repair and could have an impact on addressing inflow and infiltration into the system.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

Lance Werner, Kent District Library Director and Kristin Meyer, Englehardt Public Library Branch Manager presented the 2012 Annual Report for the Kent District Library.

B. **Asphalt Repair of runway at Lowell Airport**

Airport Manager Jim Sowle presented a proposal from Harding Enterprises of Lowell in the amount of \$13,082.40 to do asphalt repair on the runway of the Lowell City Airport.

IT WAS MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and supported by HALL to accept the proposal from Harding Enterprises of \$13,082.40 to repair the cracks on the runway at the Lowell City Airport.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

No comments were received from the materials presented.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Schwab noted the Fire Authority Board met and discussed specifications for a new truck, budget items and the development of an evaluation form for the fire chief.

Councilmember Hall noted the Planning Commission gave O'Rielly's Auto Parts a six month extension on their building project at 1427 West Main Street and the Downtown Historic District Commission did not meet.

Councilmember Schrauben noted the Airport Board met and discussed runway repairs and maintenance to obtain general utility status. The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet tomorrow, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Creekside Park and will be working on capital improvements. LARA is working on a donor recognition wall that will be placed by the pavilion on the school property. Schrauben attended the dedication of the mural on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> as well as the Riverwalk Festival on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to Liz Baker, Betsy Davidson, April McClure and the rest of the crew that worked hard to have a very successful event.

Mayor Hodges thanked his wife, Chris for her support and attendance to all of the events he must attend. Hodges also thanked Jerry Hale and David Cadwallader for donating their time and pontoon boats for rides on the river as part of the Riverwalk Festival. He too attended the dedication of the mural and felt the entire Riverwalk Festival weekend was very active and successful. A very special thanks to Laurels of Kent for the great fireworks display.

10. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

- A. The auditors have started initial work and will be returning in August to complete their field work in reviewing the city's 2012-13 financial statements.
- B. The Department of Public Works, Police Department and City Hall staff spent a great deal of time working with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on the Riverwalk Festival held this past weekend.
- C. A briefing with FEMA was held on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to learn more about potential reimbursement for costs associated with responding to this year's record flood.

11. **APPOINTMENTS.**

No appointments were made.

12. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Union Negotiations

IT WAS MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and supported by HALL to move to closed session at 7:42 p.m. as allowed under the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268 (c) to discuss union negotiations.

YEA: Councilmembers Schwab, Hall, Schrauben, and Mayor Hodges.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. (Ellison) MOTION CARRIED.

Council returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

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James W. Hodges, Mayor

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Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk