

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016, 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 Jeff Altoft and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Mayor Jeff Altoft, Councilmembers Mike Devore, Jim Hodges, Jeff Phillips and Alan Teelander.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, Light & Power Manager Steve Donkersloot, City Attorney Dick Wendt and Police Chief Steve Bukala.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Approval of the agenda
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the September 6, 2016 City Council meeting
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,655,287.26.

YES: Mayor Altoft, Councilmember DeVore, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Teelander. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **CITIZEN DISCUSSION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Perry Beachum, Diane LaWarre, Jim Salzwedel, Roger LaWarre, Jeff Dickerman, Lyndsy Wathrow, Greg Northrup, Ryan Mitchell and Shawn Bowne spoke regarding various issues in the City.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

a. **Bio digester Update**

City Manager Burns stated he received an Action Plan for the bio digester that was provided to the City Council and Lowell Light and Power Boardmembers. Lowell Energy AD LLC Manager Member Greg Northrup also provided an updated on the bio digester.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Ordinance 16-04.

Administration recommended the adoption of ordinance 16-04 to amend section 21-67, “parking prohibited on city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; exceptions,” of division 1, “generally,” of article IV, “stopping, standing and parking,” of chapter 21, “traffic and motor vehicles,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. This would be effective November 1 through March 31.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adopt Ordinance 16-04 as presented.

YES: Councilmember DeVore, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Teelander and Mayor Altoft. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Ordinance 16-05.

Administration recommended the adoption of ordinance 17-04 to amend section 21-112, “permit required,” of article V, “special events that impair use of streets, public ways,” of chapter 21, “traffic and motor vehicles,” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by ALTOFT to adopt Ordinance 17-04 as presented.

YES: Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Teelander, Mayor Altoft and Councilmember DeVore. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Trash/Yard Waste/Recycling Discussion.

City Manager Mike Burns informed the Council that the Refuse Collection contract with Red Creek Industries expires on November 30, 2016. Several options were provided and this will be discussed at a future Council meeting when more information is available.

6. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

No comments were received from materials presented.

7. **BOARD/COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

Councilmember Hodges gave an update on the Arbor Board activities.

Councilmember Phillips stated the Historic District Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Teelander noted the City Planning Commission discussed sidewalks.

Councilmember DeVore said the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Mayor Altoft stated the Airport Fly In on Sunday, September 18, 2016 was very good.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Burns stated he attended the Michigan Municipal League Conference at Mackinac Island last week with the Council, City Clerk Ullery and DPW Director LaBombard.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember DeVore enjoyed the MML Conference and thanked City Clerk Ullery and Betty Morlock in making all the arrangements.

Councilmember Hodges also enjoyed the MML Conference. He noted that it is great getting together with other municipalities.

Councilmember Phillips also enjoyed the MML Conference. Phillips thanked Mark and Theresa Mundt, Betty Morlock, City Clerk Ullery and City Manager Burns for making the conference fun. He appreciated the networking opportunities with staff and other attendees at the conference.

Councilmember Teelander enjoyed the MML Conference and the getting to know everyone on a more personal level. The pancake breakfast at the Airport Fly In was phenomenal.

Mayor Altoft felt the MML Conference was fun and educational. Altoft also thanked Mark and Theresa Mundt for their hospitality and City Clerk Ullery, Betty Morlock and City Manager Burns for making the conference fun. He and his wife had an enjoyable time.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Jeff Altoft, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk