

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, 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 Mike DeVore and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Jim Hodges, Jeff Phillips, and Mayor DeVore.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, and Police Sergeant Christopher Hurst.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the closed minutes of the August 21, 2017 City Council meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$783,785.01.

Mayor DeVore advised he would like to move Council appointment to item #3 and move forward with the rest of the agenda as written.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by CANFIELD to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

3. **COUNCIL APPOINTMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by CANFIELD to appoint Marty Chambers to the City Council.

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

City Clerk Susan Ullery swore in Councilmember Chambers.

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

Connor Baker spoke in favor of the City opting into the Medical Marihuana Act and he advised he would be willing to sit on a committee if needed by the Council when moving forward.

5. **OLD BUSINESS.**

There was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Resolution 24-17 – To Set Public Hearing to Consider Approving the Application of Big Boiler Brewing LLC. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Related Property Tax Abatement Agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by CHAMBERS to set a Public Hearing on September 18, 2017 to review the Tax Abatement Agreement for Big Boiler Brewing.

YES: Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Canfield, and Mayor DeVore.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. LCTV Distribution.

At the request of the LCTV Advisory Board, Council has committed to giving them prior notice of the amount that will be available for distribution. It is recommended that Lowell City Council authorize all of the spendable balance of the LCTV Fund for the 2017-18 fiscal year to be available for recommendations from the LCTV Fund advisory committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by PHILLIPS to authorize all of the spendable balance of the LCTV Fund for the 2017-18 fiscal year to be available for recommendations from the LCTV Fund advisory committee.

YES: Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Canfield, Mayor DeVore, and Councilmember Hodges.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Resolution 25-17 – Proclaiming Friday, September 8, 2017 as Pink Arrow Day – Arrow Force X.

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by HODGES to approve Resolution 25-17 proclaiming Friday, September 8, 2017 as Pink Arrow Pride Day – Arrow Force X in the City of Lowell.

YES: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Canfield, Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Hodges, and Councilmember Phillips.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **BOARDS AND COMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Phillips stated the Historic District Commission meeting was cancelled, but advised the next meeting will be on September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hodges had nothing to report.

Councilmember Canfield advised LARA had a special meeting to review the bids for the completion of the trail on Alden Nash. They are working to secure additional funding and hope to proceed, depending on the availability of funds.

Mayor DeVore had no reports, but advised the next LARA meeting will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and DDA meets on September 7, 2017 at noon.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Burns reported on the following:

- Chief Bukala update, noting his return will be on September 12, 2017.
- Thanked Sergeant Chris Hurst for stepping up and filling in while Chief Bukala was off.
- Met with Roger Morgan of Rockford Ambulance. They are working on a new agreement which will be brought to the Council for approval in October.
- He and DPW Director Rich LaBombard went to Grand Ledge and met with Chris Chamberlain in reference to the Showboat. An agreement is being worked on.
- Next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Airbnb's.
- Laptops should be here soon.
- Proposal for Wayfinding Signage will be placed on the next City Council agenda.
- Video presentation from Compass College Students who filmed a movie throughout downtown Lowell. All are welcome to stay and watch it after the meeting.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

Mayor DeVore listed the following vacancies. Applications will be accepted until September 14, 2017 at noon.

- Zoning Board of Appeals Chair (Council)
- City Council Liaison for the Downtown Development Authority
- Two vacancies on the Planning Commission
- Vacancy to serve on the Lowell Light and Power Board

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Phillips welcomed Marty Chambers to the Council and looks forward to working with him. Phillips also thanked City staff and departments for all their hard work and dedication. He went on to congratulate City Manager Mike Burns on his one year employment anniversary.

Councilmember Hodges welcomed Marty Chambers to the Council. Hodges also congratulated Mike Burns on his one year anniversary with the City. He mentioned he is looking forward to attending the Medical Marijuana conference that is being hosted by the Michigan Municipal League. Hodges also mentioned Pink Arrow Pride is celebrating 10 years. He is proud of our City and community.

Councilmember Canfield welcomed Marty Chambers to the Council. Canfield mentioned the Council had a citizen approach them at Coffee with Council who was concerned about a waste of taxpayer's money for

the Council to travel to Fenton. Canfield explained there was no unusual or added expense to the City or the taxpayers. Canfield also mentioned Pink Arrow and encouraged everyone to get out and support the efforts. He thanked Sergeant Chris Hurst for his time spent as the acting chief. Canfield also noted the Council is always looking for community input on multiple items that the citizens are concerned about as well as the medical marihuana laws. This is a community decision and the Council would like input.

Councilmember Chambers thanked the Council for his appointment. Chambers advised he looks forward to sitting on the Council and helping the City move forward and doing great things. He would like to see individuals step up and fill these board vacancies.

Mayor DeVore advised he is excited about the medical marihuana conference and he thinks the Council is doing as much work as they can do to get involved and to get educated. DeVore advised this is not a five person decision and they would like community input. DeVore also thanked Sergeant Chris Hurst and everyone in the department for all they did to keep things running smoothly while Chief Bukala was absent. He is looking forward to Bukala's return.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

YES: 5. NO: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk