

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2018, 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 DeVore and City Clerk Sue Ullery called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Marty Chambers, Jim Salzwedel and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: Councilmember Canfield.

Also Present: City Manager Michael Burns, City Clerk Sue Ullery, Chief of Police Steve Bukala, DPW Director Rich LaBombard and Light & Power Steve Donkersloot.

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by SALZWEDEL to excuse the absence of Councilmember Canfield.

YES: Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Chambers, and Councilmember Salzwedel.

NO: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Canfield. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the Committee of the Whole and Regular minutes of the November 19, 2018 City Council meetings.
- Approve and place on file the Special Meeting minutes of the November 28, 2018 City Council Meeting.
- 2019 Meeting Dates
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$263,292.30.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to approve the consent agenda as written.

YES: Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Salzwedel, and Councilmember Chambers.

NO: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Canfield. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Police Chief Steve Bukala wanted to thank Sargent Chris Hurst and Lieutenant Cory Velzen publically for their actions on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 11:00 pm while responding to a house fire and putting their life at risk when pulling a loan occupant out of the house that contained an oxygen tank which exploded shortly thereafter.

5. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. City Council Appointments.

Mayor DeVore stated they would hold a meeting for the two City Council applicants Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12:00 pm for the interviews and then they will have time to think it over before the meeting on December 17, 2018.

b. City Income Tax.

City Manager Michael Burns stated earlier in the year, the City Council approved a study with Great Lakes Economic Consulting pertaining to a consideration of a City Income Tax. For the past three months, they have been researching data to determine an estimated amount if the City were to consider a City Income tax. Burns then introduced Mitch Bean and Bob Kleine to come and present their findings.

Bob Kleine thanked the City Manager and City Council for the opportunity to conduct the study and stated he is confident the report contains all the information needed to make an informed decision whether to present an income tax proposal to the voters. He then went through the report and pointed out some highlights.

Mitch Bean then spoke on some administration issues that would need to be considered if we did go through with the City income tax.

City Manager Michael Burns asked if there are any studies that show Cities who implemented City Income Tax and it crippled their community or detracted business. Mitch Beans' answer was no. Burns then explained to the Council, we need to start looking at a means for the future repair and maintenance of our City's infrastructure and thanked Mitch Bean and Bob Kleine for their thorough report.

c. Next steps – Recreational Marijuana Facilities.

City Manager Michael Burns stated we chose not to opt out on Proposal 1 so the City will ultimately allow for recreational commercial marijuana facilities in the city, therefore there is more work to be done on this. Some now and some we will have to wait on until LARA will dictate what the rules and regulations are (approximately within a year) and we will have to follow once enacted. What Council can start thinking about is where they want these facilities, how many, and establish zoning regulations for these areas. It would be a good idea to have as much of these things in place when LARA completes their rules and regulations.

Council will reach out to the Planning Commission and see if they can meet with Council to formulate a plan of steps.

6. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Ordinance 18-08 – LL&P Board Recommendation to Amend Section 22.1 of Chapter 22.

Lowell Light & Power General Manager Steve Donkersloot then spoke regarding the amendments to Section 22.1, "Billing and enforcement" of Chapter 22, "Electric Utility Rates and Charges," of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Lowell.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adopt the amended Section 22.1 of Chapter 22 of the City Code of Ordinances as presented.

YES: Councilmember Chambers, Mayor Devore and Councilmember Salzwedel. NO: None. ABSENT:

Councilmember Canfield. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Salzwedel stated LCTV Endowment Board would meet December 5th, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

8. **MANAGERS REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns reported on the following:

- New traffic signal at Bowes and Hudson will be up and flashing yellow for two weeks; then will work as normal.
- Radar signs are on and will have one on Foreman Street as well. There will be no messages on them.
- Rich LaBombard & Michael Burns will meet with Prien & Newhoff on December 4, 2018 about the Saw Grant.
- One Bid came in for the showboat @ \$1.5Million. Showboat Committee will meet with City Council at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss if we want to continue to move forward and if so, the next steps to take.
- Lame Duck session of legislation is currently in process, there are a number of bills going through right now (some good and some not). Another two weeks before they are complete, then we will know where we stand.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

Dan DesJarden is resigning from the Construction Board of Appeals and his term ends 01/01/2019.
Mike Larkin is resigning from the Downtown Development Authority and his term ends 01/01/2019.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Chambers stated the Christmas Parade was awesome regardless of the cold and sleet.

Councilmember Salzwedel stated he enjoyed the Christmas Parade as well.

Mayor DeVore also enjoyed the Christmas Parade and thanked Marty Chambers for letting them warm up in his store.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 7:55 pm.
YES: 3. NO: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Canfield MOTION CARRIED.

Date:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk

