

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike DeVore and Deputy Clerk Theresa Mundt called roll.

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

Absent: Councilmembers Greg Canfield and Jeff Phillips.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, Deputy Clerk Theresa Mundt, Police Chief Steve Bukala, DPW Director Rich LaBombard and City Treasurer Suzanne Olin.

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCES**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Canfield and Phillips.

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

NO: None. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

YES: Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Chambers, and Mayor DeVore

NO: None. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

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

There were no comments.

5. **REVENUE GENERATING OPTIONS.**

City Manager Mike Burns gave a power point presentation for Revenue Generating Options for infrastructure improvements in the City of Lowell.

Jim Hodges of 422 N. Jefferson spoke in reference to the options for Revenue Generating and thanked City Manager Burns for his presentation. Hodges commented that per City Charter, the City will have a Police Department. This is a good community and we're not going to have businesses come into the area without a Police Department. He agreed the City needs to look at additional revenue sources going forward.

Diane LaWarre of 681 Birchwood Court spoke against a City Income Tax as a Revenue Generating option and the disadvantages of it as well. LaWarre stated it would create income for the City, but the disadvantages are that our local businesses would be required to withhold City taxes, which would increase their expenses. LaWarre went on to state that our citizens, businesses outside the City, like Meijer, would

not be required to withhold City taxes, which would place the responsibility of asking the employer to do that on the citizen or it would give the citizen a very big surprise at tax time. LaWarre stated that our neighboring communities outnumber City residents more than double and they are using our resources and roads as much or more than we do and would not share in the responsibility unless they work in the City.

6. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Salzwedel said this is a subject of infrastructure and has been ongoing and unfortunately, he didn't think the City had another ten years to figure this out. Salzwedel stated that if we wait, the roads would be in must worse shape and the cost would be more.

Councilmember Chambers stated that for a long time, they kept passing the buck and they need to step up and get our infrastructure back to where it needs to be. This is a good town, he lives here, has a business here and he owns property here. Chambers stated that he would like to see this place shine like a new penny, but how would we pay for it, that's the big key.

Mayor DeVore stated that playing from behind is always harder and the fix is not going to be easy or painless. DeVore also thanked City Manager Burns for putting his presentation together and is excited to see what Councilmembers Canfield and Phillips will have to say.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

YES: 3. NO: None. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

DATE:

APPROVED:

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Mike DeVore, Mayor

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Susan Ullery, City Clerk