

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Mike DeVore.

Present City Council: Councilmembers Canfield, Chambers, Salxwedel and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: Councilmember Yankovich.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, Police Chief Steve Bukala and DPW Director Dan Czarnecki.

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by CANFIELD to excuse the absence of Councilmember Yankovich.

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

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

3. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

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

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

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

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

No comments.

5. **WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY.**

City Manager Mike Burns stated we will be discussing the SAW Grant Project today. One of the components of the Saw Grant Project was to have a rate study done on our water and sewer rates to determine how to fund all the improvements that are needed. Burns then introduced Andy Campbell from

Baker Tilley who he has been working with. Campbell reviewed the sewer fund and stated that compared to others throughout the state, we are right in the middle of where the rates should be. As far as the water side, the lead service lines need to be replaced starting in 2021. The cost for this can't be billed back to the homeowner so we need to start building this under special assessment adding a separate charge to show customer how these are being handled. Campbell continued explaining a cost effective option of changing the water and sewer rates over the course of time to be able to get all the capital improvements paid for.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 6:30.

YES: 4.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk