

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 02, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

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

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor DeVore and City Clerk Sue Ullery called roll.

Present: Councilmembers' Cliff Yankovich, Marty Chambers, Leah Groves, Jim Salzwedel and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Michael Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, Chief of Police Chris Hurst, DPW Director Dan Czarnecki, City Attorney Jessica Wood.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the July 19, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$324,464.30.

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

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

There were no comments.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. **Discussion on Trails.**

City Manager Michael Burns presented a PowerPoint, stating the City will receive \$436,573 through the American Recovery Plan Non-Entitlement Unit Program. City has filed the application and is waiting review from Michigan Department of Treasury. Funds will be allotted in two cycles; the first allotment is 60 days after approval. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Burns then explained in detail how the funds can and cannot be used. Burns suggested his plan to utilize funds. Councilmembers discussed at length.

Eric Bartkus who resides at 215 W Main, inquired about the lead pipe concern in the City and how bad is it and can this money be used for that.

DPW Director Dan Czarnecki stated we are now required by the State of Michigan to do testing now for lead piping. He doesn't believe there is much but will know more when North Monroe project is done next year.

It was a general consensus to move forward and put this back on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

b. Foreman Building Roof Replacement.

DPW Director Dan Czarnecki read his memo explaining the need for the Foreman Building Roof replacement, stated the different quotes and gave his recommendation.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by CHAMBERS that the Lowell City Council approve the quote from Risner's Roofing and Home Improvement, Lowell, MI, for the replacement of the shingled roofing at the Foreman Building, as outlined in their quote dated May 31, 2021, for a cost of \$59,600.00.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.

Councilmember Groves stated she attended Parks & Rec meeting and had great conversation. Love week was wonderful and thank you to all the volunteers. The Community garden is looking beautiful. Looking to do a project at the skate park.

Councilmember Chambers stated he will be sitting in for Jim at the Light & Power Board meeting, and that he is looking forward to it.

7. BUDGET REPORT.

There were no updates.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Michael Burns went over a couple items:

- Amity project began today. We were able to move up the project 30 days prior, so that is nice.
- Jane Ellen project, they put the top coat on Saturday so there will just be a little bit of restoration work left after that.
- Just a couple punch list items left on the Foreman project as that project's coming to completion.
- A draft of the evaluation study for the water and wastewater treatment facilities, should be coming

today or tomorrow. Will review it next week after my vacation and then get back with you on it.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

It was a general consensus to appoint Casey Butler to the Parks and Recreation Board.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Groves wanted to remind everyone that there is a Lowell School Board meeting next Monday and she feels it is imperative that we show up, use our voices for what we believe in and support what they do. We have a great school system here in Lowell.

Councilmember Chambers thanked the DPW, they are doing a great job. Green spaces, flowers, parking lots and the cemetery are all looking awesome. Thank you.

Councilmember Yankovich stated the mail lady has been bitten twice by dogs in Lowell on her route and he reported it to the Police Chief who took action. Thank you to the Chief. Spent a week in Pentwater and their water is terrible. Kudos to Lowell's great tasting award winning water.

Councilmember Salzwedel corrected an error he stated about a road he thought was near his home at the prior Council meeting. Also we are having Coffee with Council on Saturday.

Mayor DeVore stated that the fair will be back in town next week so he hopes to see everybody there.

John Vanderwilp who resides at 1264 Fun asked why there was not a memorial parade. Burns stated it was not the City's decision.

11. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by DEVORE to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss material exempt from disclosure under state law, MCL 15.268(h).

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. **MOTION COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by YANKOVICH to come out of closed session at 8:41 p.m.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by SALZWEDEL to send a letter to take action as discussed in closed session.

YES: Councilmember Groves, Mayor DeVore, Councilmembers Salzwedel, Yankovich and Chambers.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

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

DATE:

APPROVED:

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Mike DeVore, Mayor

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Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk