

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 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, L & P Charlie West, Chief of Police Chris Hurst.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the November 01, 2021, Regular City Council meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$105,256.27.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by GROVES 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.**

Michael Bachman who lives on Riverside Drive discussed three new hydraulic dams'/bridge ideas. City Manager Michael Burns directed him to discuss with EGLE first.

Patricia Mogor who resides at 605 Birchwood Ct and she suggested the City re-engage the leaf removal in the City.

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

There was none.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. **Conflict of Interest Policy Resolution.**

City Manager Michael Burns read his memo regarding as part of our application for the USDA-RD loan for the Monroe and Washington projects, we must certify to the United States Department of Agriculture the City has a Conflict of Interest Policy. City Attorney Jessica Wood drafted a policy which

would the USDA requirements to disclose a potential conflict/conflict. It would also prohibit members for the governing body will manage identified or potential conflicts.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANOVICH and seconded by CHAMBERS that the Lowell City Council approve Resolution 21-21 as written.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Skate Park Project.

City Manager Michael Burns read memo regarding the skate park project.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by CHAMBERS that the Lowell City Council approve support Bob Rogers and his Lowell Skate Park Replacement Project 2022 as outlined in his letter to the Parks Board on November 9, 2021, including approval to move forward on implementing his project, and having the City Treasurers Office assist with the acceptance and holding of the donations for this improvement project.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Groves attended the Chamber meeting, they are doing a treasure for Troops donation. You can drop off at Chamber of Commerce or the Lowell High School. If you want to write a check, make it payable to Blue Star Mother.

Councilmember Chambers attended the Planning Commission 2335 W Main was reapproved.

Councilmember Salzwedel attended Lowell Light & Power meeting. Discussed the future and how we will need to replace energy as well as how to stay competitive.

Councilmember Yankovich stated LARA did not meet. Look Fund gave funds to \$10,000 YMCA and \$9000 to FROM. From working on more rental units in Lowell.

Mayor DeVore stated that Fire Authority was cancelled.

7. **BUDGET REPORT.**

Burns stated not much has changed with budget except IT issues. The audit is close to being complete and good news, we added \$400,000 to the fund budget than anticipated. Looking at taking that and putting a portion to the pension liability, portion to the streets and HVAC and some to this building.

Will discuss more in December once the audit is done.

8. **MANAGERS REPORT.**

- Last week we received a notice from MDOT that our ACT 51 will see an increase in Dec.
- MERS –attended meeting with CEO and investments are doing well. Going to be lowering the rate of return and there will be a slight increase in payments and funded liability.
- Final Bond sale is tomorrow morning, so the refinancing for City Hall will then be complete
- We will be having a small urban meeting for the small urban project for taking the money from Monroe St to Gee drive with reps from MDOT, The RAPID and West Michigan Regional Planning Council.
- Lew Bender coming December 13th. at the Fire Station at 5:30pm.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

Julie DeVoe will continue on Historic District Committee.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Yankovich asked for an update on the Showboat. Salzwedel will ask Liz regarding this.

Councilmember Salzwedel stated LCTV board meeting will be coming up December 2, 2021.

Councilmember Chambers asked if there is a Christmas lighting contest that was initiated by Rotary, Charlie West said there is interest, but maybe not this year.

Councilmember Groves stated every Thursday there is Open Table that provide meals from 4-6.

Mayor DeVore congratulated Chambers, Groves and Salzwedel for the election results.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALWEDEL to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

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Mike DeVore, Mayor

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Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk