

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022, 7:45 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor DeVore and Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Michael Burns, Chief of Police Chris Hurst, Clerk Susan Ullery, DPW Director Dan Czarnecki and Lowell Light & Power Charlie West.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda as written.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular and Closed City Council meetings.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$93,856.68.

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

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

There were no citizen comments.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Arbor Day and Week Proclamation.

Mayor DeVore read the Arbor Day Proclamation into record which is always celebrated every last Friday in April and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands as well as plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

b. Road Closure – Eric Bartkus.

City Manager Michael Burns stated Eric Bartkus with Ability Weavers LLC would like to host the third Lowell Weaving Fair on July 30, 2022 on Riverside Drive north of Main Street.

Eric Bartkus spoke explaining the upcoming event on July 30, 2022, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Bartkus requested the events traditional road closure (from the Backwater café trash bin to the north side of Lowell Light & Power’s building).

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by GROVES that the Lowell City Council approve the partial road closure from the Backwater café trash bin to the north side of Lowell Light & Power from 8 to 5 on July 30, 2022.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Yankovich stated LARA approved expenditure to get their own website.

Councilmember Salzwedel stated Arbor Board was cancelled due to no quorum. Chambers attended LL&P for him. Next month, he will provide an update on the Showboat.

Councilmember Groves stated this will be Liz’s last year as director of Chamber of Commerce, so they are creating an employee search committee.

Councilmember Chambers sat in for Salzwedel at Lowell Light & Power meeting and Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

Mayor Devore stated they had Fire Authority meeting, they are going through updating rules and procedures, by-laws and meeting procedures as well.

7. **BUDGET REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns stated we still have yet to receive the marijuana funds and we are still not sure the amount we are going to receive so as a result, we have not added the extra police position yet.

8. **MANAGER’S REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns reported on the following:

- The Monroe and Washington project issues with easements, etc are causing a delay, so we haven’t even gone out for bid yet. We are looking to moving that to 2023 and the Washington Project to 2024 and

looking at making the street asset management plan very soon. To continue completing some projects we would like to move the Grindle Street project to be budgeted this year to be done next summer. and this will be coming to you for approval when the budget comes (in April).

- Still working on the budget.
- LPD Statement was read into record by Michael Burns
- Received some input on 990 N Washington from a few people and what they would like to see done. Will invite them to a meeting when it comes time for that and they can share their ideas.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

There are no new appointments.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Salzwedel commented on the Broadband situation who tore up resident's lawn. Who do we call?

Mayor DeVore discussed this situation on the Broadband situation (reidents lawn torn up) with the City Attorney and will get a phone number out for people to be able to call.

Councilmember Groves thanked City Manager Burns for how he handled everything this past week.

Councilmember Chambers thanked City Manager, Chief of Police, DPW Director and the DPW employees as well as LL&P Manager and LL&P employees.

Mayor DeVore expressed his frustration with people reporting inaccurate information and using social media to do so. The Cities staff is always here and we are completely transparent and you simply can call us to make sure you get accurate information and share accordingly.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED SALZWEDEL and seconded by YANKOVICH to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk