

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, MAY 02, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Present: Councilmember Marty Chambers, Councilmember Jim Salzwedel, Councilmember Cliff Yankovich, Councilmember 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, City Attorney Jessica Wood.

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

- Approval of the Agenda as written.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the April 18, 2022 regular and closed session meetings and the annual budget review meeting of April 25, 2022.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$383,330.57.

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

Greg Canfield who resides at 403 North Washington spoke of his dissatisfaction on the push back regarding the sewer situation for the four parcels at 96 - 108 W Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **7-Yr Street Plan.**

DPW Director Dan Czarnecki introduced Dave Austin with Williams & Works who went through the 7 year (2022-2028) street improvement plan. Council will revisit on an annual basis.

b. **Lease with Wind Craft.**

City Manager Michael Burns stated in March 2019, the City entered into a lease agreement with Wind Craft Aviation to lease airport space to assist with his project of personalized aircrafts. At the time we entered into a one-year lease with Wind Craft for use of Hangar 3 at the Airport where they are paying

\$1,000 per month. Due to COVID, we haven't renewed the lease but Wind Craft has continued to pay \$1,000 per month for space. Airport Manager Casey Brown has been working with Wind Craft to renew the lease where they would like to enter into a 10-year lease for the same terms they had previously. The only modification to the lease is some additional usage to Hangar #3 which is attached.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by CHAMBERS that the Lowell City Council approve Resolution 10-22 to approve a lease agreement with Wind Craft Aviation.

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

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

c. Gary Dietzel and Sandy Bartlett Lease.

Gary Dietzel who resides at 990 N Washington spoke and requested more time before his lease is terminated.

Council discussed at length, agreed that some of the home's materials can go to Habitat for Humanity when they tear it down. Discussed and agreed they already had extended the lease for two years and whether another extension till the end of September 30, 2022 should be given.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by GROVES to continue the lease until the end of September 2022 for 990 N Washington at the current lease rate.

YES: Councilmember Yankovich, Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Groves.

NO: Mayor DeVore and Councilmember Chambers. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2022 Street Improvements.

DPW Director Dan Czarnecki read his memo for the 2022 construction season we are planning to resurface Roberta Jayne Dr. from Sibley St. to Faith Dr., Faith Dr., Heffron St. from Donna Dr. to West St., and Valley Vista Dr. from Main St. to Bowes Rd. Funding for this work will come out of our City of Lowell Street Funds and from the DDA. The main portion of the work consists of removing the exiting, worn out pavement, repair any gravel subbase that has failed, and then pave the street back. Bid specifications were developed and posted at the construction clearing house websites. The City opened bids for the construction on April 26, 2022. We received 6 bid proposals. The two low bids are: Youngstrom Contracting Inc., Ionia \$335,344.50 and CL Trucking LLC., Ionia \$415,202.50. Youngstrom Contracting has not previously performed construction work in the City of Lowell. The project is slated to begin July 1st, 2022 with completion in about 60 days.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by SALZWEDEL that the Lowell City Council approve the 2022 Street Improvement Project bid from Youngstrom Contracting Inc., Ionia, Michigan, for a cost of \$335,344.50, and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Fireworks.

City Manager Michael Burns read memo stating we received from the Chamber of Commerce their annual request to hold the Riverwalk Laurels' of Kent Fireworks event in conjunction with the Riverwalk Festival on Saturday July 9, 2022. Fireworks will be held in the same location at Stoney Lakeside Park and will begin after 10 pm.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by GROVES that the Lowell City Council approve the annual Fireworks event in conjunction with the Riverwalk Festival for Saturday July 9, 2022.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. Set Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

It was a general consensus that all the Councilmembers agreed to hold the Public Hearing for the Annual Budget 2022/2023 on May 16, 2022. 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Lowell.

d. Lowell Pride Parking Lot Closure Request.

Nicole Lintemuth spoke on behalf of the Lowell Pride Event. The second annual event will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 on the Lowell Riverwalk from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by CHAMBERS that the Lowell City Council approve the closure requested at 216 N. Monroe for Lowell Pride on June 4, 2022 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

e. IRA DX c5840i Copier Purchase.

City Manager Michael Burns read his memo stating our current Canon C5250 copier has broken down, has a temporary repair but the parts to fix what is broken are no longer available to purchase. Burns proposed leasing a IRA DX C5840i with a monthly lease rate of \$421.50. \$11.53 less per month than the maintenance on the current copier.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by DEVORE that the Lowell City Council accept the bid from Applied Imaging a preferred vendor for a Canon DXC5840i copy machine and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year lease of \$182. per month plus maintenance \$239.50.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Yankovich stated HDC didn't meet this week as they didn't have any money to give away, waiting to hear back from the Community Fund.

7. **BUDGET REPORT.**

Nothing new to report.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns reported he is working on a number of economic development projects that will be coming to Council shortly.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

There are no new appointments.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Yankovich gave a shout out to his son, James Bolan soon to be Doctor James Bolan. Thursday he gets his white coat from MSU and will be doing his residency as an ER doctor at Metro.

Mayor DeVore stated congrats to the Bolan's. Also, stated that Saturday Marty and Laurie Chambers put on an appreciation dinner for the Lowell Light & Power Lineman and it was fantastic and well attended. The Chambers do so much for our community and they deserved to be recognized.

11. **MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to go into closed session at 7:55 pm.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED.

