

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor DeVore called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and City Clerk Sue Ullery called roll.

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

Absent: None.

Present: City Clerk Sue Ullery, DPW Director Dan Czarnecki, LL&P Charlie West and Chief of Police Chris Hurst, City Attorney Jessica Wood.

Police Chief Chris Hurst then introduced Officer Dave Oesch & recognized his 20 years of service.

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

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the September 19, 2022 regular meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices for \$435,157.39.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL 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.**

Perry Beachum who resides at 924 Riverside Drive stated several people from the community helped out in cleaning up the LARA Trails this past weekend. A lot was accomplished. Thank you to all who helped. Also thanked the City of Lowell and Lowell Light & Power for their continued support.

Karen DeHenau who resides at 6190 Wild Current Way spoke about a situation that occurred on December 10, 2021 where she fell into the river near the Showboat. She is disappointed a resolution has not transpired yet.

City Manager Michael Burns stated the DDA will be addressing a resolution for this situation at their next meeting.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. 115 Riverside.

LL&P Charlie West provided an update requesting Council move forward, select another applicant to seek the sale of the Lineshack. The Lowell Light & Power Board would like the City Council to accept the proposal from Greg Canfield.

Eric Bartkus who resides at 215 W Main stated he believes Greg Canfields proposal is an excellent one but would like Council to reconsider a green space.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and second by SALZWEDEL to accept Greg Canfield's proposal for 115 Riverside and we start a 20 day Resolution for Main Street Inn Extension Proposal.

YES: Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Chambers. NO: Councilmember Groves and Councilmember Yankovich. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

b. Public Hearing – 318 E. Main – Big Boiler IFT Extension.

Mayor Devore open the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Devore closed the public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by GROVES to approve the Big Boiler IFT Extension for seven years.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. 990 N. Washington.

City Manager explained the situation with the leasee's at 990 N Washington and that their lease expired on June 30, 2022 but was extended until September 30, 2022 to provide them more time to find adequate housing. Mr. Dietzel informed Mayor DeVore, Chris Hurst and Mayor Pro Tem Chambers on September 20, 2022 that he would not leave as agreed upon on September 30, 2022. Burns is asking for direction on the next steps.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by CHAMBERS that Attorney Jessica Wood start the paperwork for the eviction for the leasee's at 990 N. Washington as of September 30, 2022.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. 855 N. Jefferson Request.

City Manager Michael Burns read his memo stating he received a request from Cody Hier who resides at 855 N. Jefferson regarding parking a vehicle along where the sidewalk ends.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by GROVES that the Lowell City Council direct the City Manager to follow the ordinance.

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Mayor DeVore has DDA this Thursday and Fire Authority next Thursday.

Councilmember Groves stated the Executive Director position for the Chamber of Commerce is up if any one is interested.

7. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

- Update from BLDI; they are going back out to do the earthwork. Estimate would be between 200K – 250k to remove soil and that does not include tree removal.
- Thank you to Dave Oesch for his 20 years of service with the City as a police officer. He always steps up and does whatever he can.
- Welcome to Jenell Veltcamp, our new Deputy Treasurer, who will be replacing Lori Gerard who will retire at the end of the year.
- Last week he met with both business agents for both unions on the health pool; Burns will be bringing that to the Council shortly.
- New Union drawings have been submitted and they will be pouring cement October 16, 2022.
- Burns was not selected for Grand Haven manager position.

8. **APPOINTMENTS.**

Resignation from Rita Riester for the DDA.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Chambers reminded everyone with the cold weather coming; vehicles need to be moved out of the way to make it easier for the DPW to get their job done.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn @ 7:43 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk