

**CITY OF LOWELL SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AND
LOWELL LIGHT & POWER MEETING
GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE ROOM/CITY HALL/2ND FLOOR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL.

Mayor DeVore called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and City Clerk Sue Ullery called roll.

Present for City of Lowell: Council Members Jim Salzwedel, Leah Groves, Cliff Yankovich and Mayor Devore.

Absent: Councilmember Chambers.

Staff Present: City Clerk Sue Ullery and City Manager Michael Burns.

Present for Lowell Light & Power Board: Board Members Craig Fonger, Tina Cadwallader, Daniel Crawford, and Chair Perry Beachum.

Absent: Boardmember Andrew Schrauben.

Staff Present: Ryan Teachworth and Casey Meir.

2. EXCUSE OF ABSENCE.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by YANKOVICH to excuse the absence of Marty Chambers.

YES: 4. NO: None. ABSENT: Marty Chambers MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAWFORD and seconded by CADWALLADER to excuse the absence of Andrew Schrauben

YES: 4. NO: None. ABSENT: Andrew Schrauben MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

CITY COUNCIL.

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

YES: 4. NO: None. ABSENT: Marty Chambers. MOTION CARRIED.

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAWFORD and seconded by CADWALLADER to approve the agenda as written.

YES: 4. NO: None. ABSENT: Andrew Schrauben. MOTION CARRIED.

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

There were no comments.

5. **CLOSED SESSION.** - Review Materials Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure by State or Federal Statute - Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h).

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by YANKOVICH to go into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by CRAWFORD to go into Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion was held pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1)(h).

IT WAS MOVED BY GROVES and seconded by SALZWEDEL to go back into Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAWFORD and seconded by CADWALLADER to go back into Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

6. **ACTION ITEMS.**

a. Consideration of IP Consulting IT Project Proposal.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAWFORD and seconded by CADWALLADER to hire IP Consulting at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 per month. This cost would be split between the City of Lowell and Lowell Light and Power.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY YANKOVICH and seconded by GROVES to hire IP Consulting at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 per month. This cost will be split between the City of Lowell and Lowell Light and Power.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

b. Alternative Payment for Tree Ordinance Compliance.

Lowell Light and Power General Manager Charlie West explained the tree ordinance requires Lowell Light and Power to make a contribution to the Arbor Fund each time a tree is removed. He and City Manager Burns have discussed changing part of the ordinance so that the City and Light and Power would split costs, providing Arbor Board with more consistent funding.

If there is a desire to do so, the current tree ordinance would have to be amended after consulting with the City Attorney.

Beachum brought up the idea of placing a cap on the funding, not exceeding a specific balance after two years

By general consensus, both the City Council and the Light and Power Board agreed to have the City Attorney put something together for review.

7. **COMMENTS.**

There were no comments.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER.

IT WAS MOVED BY CRAWFORD and seconded by FONGER to adjourn @ 6:57 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by GROVES to adjourn @ 6:57 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk

Perry Beachum, Chair LL&P