

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023, 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, Councilmember Leah Groves, Councilmember Cliff Yankovich, Councilmember Jim Salzwedel, Councilmember Marty Chambers.

Absent: None.

Present: City Clerk Sue Ullery, Assistant City Manager/DPW Director Rich LaBombard, Police Chief Chris Hurst, General Manager of Lowell Light & Power, Charlie West.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the Sept 18, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices for \$310,295.37.

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

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

General Manager from Lowell Light & Power gave a small presentation on Public Power Week which is celebrated the first week of every October.

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

Pam Rowley who resides at 804 E Main spoke and is not in favor of the CopperRock project. Requested City Council and Lowell Light & Power take an active role.

Bob Rowley who also resides at 804 E Main discussed City Council passing the Ordinance 23-02 regarding overnight parking on city streets. Also, not in favor of the CopperRock project.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Sale of Police Shot Guns.

Chief of Police Chris Hurst explained the trade of the shotguns they do not use anymore for a new patrol rifle for our officers to use on patrol.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAMBERS and seconded by GROVES that the Lowell City Council approve the Chief of Police Hurst to sell the shotguns not in use and put the funds toward a new patrol rifle for the officers to use on patrol.

YES: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Salzwedel, Mayor Devore, Councilmember Groves, Councilmember Yankovich.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

There were no reports.

7. **CITY MANAGERS REPORT.**

Assistant City Manager Rich LaBombard went over the following:

- Grindle and Shepard project update. Paving started on Friday, will do segment administration next. Dealing with a few minor issues, mailboxes etc. but coming along.
- Monroe is moving along. Pouring concrete for the curb and doing work behind the 200 block of East Main, which is the parking lot adjacent to City Hall. Possibly pouring base coat early next week. So also moving along pretty well.
- Police Department reported 128 traffic stops from the beginning of Sept to September 28, 2023.
- Public Hearing on November 6- Park Property – Master Plan

8. **APPOINTMENTS.**

It was a general consensus to appoint Charlie Jeffrey to serve on Downtown Development Authority.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Bryle Bartkiss asked what the situation is with the Museum steps still incomplete.

Councilmember Salzwedel stated they are waiting on the back ordered railing for the museum steps.

Councilmember Groves welcomed Rich LaBombard back.

Councilmember Chambers welcomed Rich LaBombard back and stated he likes the new police shift time frames and the increase of traffic enforcement.

Councilmember Yankovich spoke about the Greenville people who attended the Lowell football game, they were the friendliest bunch all evening as he was working the shuttle. Also questioned if the CopperRock project has been stopped.

Councilmember Chambers stated that two of the review standards were turned down on CopperRocks project and we are waiting for them to come back with revisions.

Pam Rowley who resides at 804 E Main stated she did talk to M-Dot and they have the ultimate decision on the street parking, but you as City Council have the decision to take the parking spaces on East Main away if you want.

Bob Rowley who resides at 804 E Main stated he believes he was not heard and others were not heard at the Planning Commission meeting with only three timed minutes that they got to speak, it was not enough time to be heard.

Mayor DeVore explained the timing is board specific and City Council was also originally three minutes, but the City Council board members changed it to five minutes. Can't set policy for other boards but we should get the board chairs together and make them all the same.

Councilmember Salzwedel welcomed Rich back and stated the Powerball is at 1 Billion \$\$, so go play.

Mayor DeVore stated he is extremely happy that Rich LaBombard is back.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED SALZWEDEL and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn @ 7:34 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk