

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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.

Absent: Councilmember Chambers.

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

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCE.**

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

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

NO: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Mayor DeVore suggested tabling agenda items under old business and new business until the next meeting.

- Approval of the Agenda as amended.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the November 6, 2023 Regular and Closed City Council meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices for \$875,222.72.

IT WAS MOVED BY GROVES and seconded by YANKOVICH 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.

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

Perry Beachum who resides at 924 Riverside spoke on working together with the Township on the water system, would like to see us work as partners.

5. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Yankovich stated LOOK Fund only had one application this time from Lowell City Police for the speed trailer and they were awarded their funding request.

Councilmember Salzwedel spoke on the anniversaries at Lowell Light & Power, Mark 24 years and Faith came in as an intern and has now been her full time for a year.

Charlie West stated they will be updating the hours at Lowell Light & Power January 1, 2024 and they received a national customer satisfaction award today and will talk more about that at the December meeting.

6. **CITY MANAGERS REPORT.**

City Manager Michael Burns went over the following:

- Congrats to Mike DeVore, Eric Bartkus and Jim Salzwedel on their elections to City Council. Look forward to working with all of you.
- The Housing Next group will be coming to the January 16, 2024 meeting to discuss a formal housing plan with the Council.
- Monroe Street parking now has the leech basin in to correct some of the ponding issue until they repair it in the spring.
- Debbie Rashid gave her notice of stepping down from Assessing end of November/beginning of December.
- I am working with the Kent County Equalization to take on our Assessing Role, plan on having an agreement and discussing this with you at the December Meeting.

7. **APPOINTMENTS.**

It was a general consent for Perry Beachum to continue on the Arbor Board.

8. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Yankovich said that Christmas through Lowell rocked. Everyone he talked to loved it. Kudos to Shannon Kennedy.

Councilmember Salzwedel concerned about the crosswalks, everyone was not following them and they need to be more visible.

Councilmember Groves congratulated the Chamber on a job well done with the Christmas through

Mayor DeVore apologized for the change in agenda and stated it could not be helped.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED SALZWEDEL and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn @ 7:13 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sue Ullery, Lowell City Clerk