

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Mike DeVore and Deputy Clerk Amy Brown called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Marty Chambers, Jim Salzwedel, Cliff Yankovich and Mayor DeVore..

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, Deputy Clerk Amy Brown, Police Chief Steve Bukala, DPW Director Rich LaBombard, and Utility Supervisor Ralph Brecken and members of the DPW staff Joe Baker, Scott Fosburg and Brian VanVeelan.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to approve the agenda as written.
YES: Councilmember Canfield, Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Yankovich, and Councilmember Chambers.

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

There was none.

4. **DPW STAFF AND RE-ORGANIZATION.**

DPW Director Rich LaBombard spoke and gave a slide presentation showing the multitude of services the Public Works department is responsible for and their commitment to professionalism and outstanding service. LaBombard then explained their staffing changes, staffing deficiencies and the need for reorganization as well as implementing new technology that will make them more efficient and in the future reduce expenses.

Utility Supervisor Ralph Brecken explained the details of implementing new technology and how it will change the department from working a reactive approach to a proactive approach.

City Manager Michael Burns stated this reorganizational structuring is overdue and is also a necessity.

5. **COUNCIL AND BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

City Manager Michael Burns stated the DPW does an incredible job and never gets the acknowledgement or credit they deserve.

Councilmember Yankovich thanked the DPW staff for their dedicated service and hard work.

Councilmember Canfield also thanked the DPW staff for their service.

Councilmember Chambers stated he feels the new technology Ralph is trying to implement is a great idea and he hopes that it comes to light.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Amy Brown, Deputy Clerk