

MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Special Meeting

FY2019-2020 Budget Work Session

Friday, March 15, 2019, 10:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sandy Railey

Mayor Sandy Railey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those attending were Councilmember Phil Bonham, Councilmember Ken Ervin, Councilmember Candy Funderburk, Councilmember DeWayne Chitwood, Councilmember Thomas Gillespie, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Clerk Beverly Harris, and Finance Officer Kevin Haney.

II. FY2019-2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Kevin Krouse opened the meeting by reviewing the City of Lowell's goals, vision, values and mission statements created at the FY2018-2019 budget work session. Councilmembers, Mayor, and staff discussed what had been accomplished and what work is left to do in the coming years.

Kevin Krouse presented line items by department of to-date expenses and future budget needs for the FY2019-2020 budget. Essential and non-essential future capital projects were discussed.

Current and future projects for the City of Lowell was discussed along with discussion regarding the Gaston County property tax revaluations and its impact on the City of Lowell.

After a lunch break, individuals representing LaBella Engineering presented a proposal for a feasibility study for maintaining services on the City of Lowell's existing wastewater treatment plant.

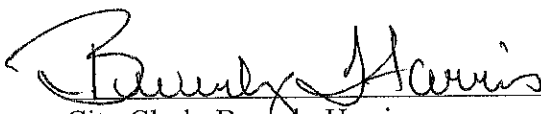
Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to direct staff to proceed with having LaBella Engineering perform the feasibility study for the maintenance of the wastewater treatment plant and for staff to present a budget amendment for the study cost at the April 9, 2019 council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

III. ADJOURN

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Bonham. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 3:05 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris