

MINUTES

Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sandy Railey

Mayor Sandy Railey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Councilmember Phil Bonham, Councilmember Ken Ervin, Councilmember Candy Funderburk, Councilmember DeWayne Chitwood, Councilmember Thomas Gillespie, City Attorney Jim Windham, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens.

II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Gillespie gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Mayor Railey requested the addition of a Closed Session to discuss a Legal Matter (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)) and a Property Acquisition (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)) matter.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a Closed Session to discuss a legal matter (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)) and a Real Property matter (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)), followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of new Police Officers

Police Chief Scott Bates introduced the new Lowell police officers: Jonathan Ryan Fulbright, Sable Rachelle Cranford, and Wayne Eugene Hollar.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2018 council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business scheduled to discuss at the meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Advisory Committee Appointments

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Community Advisory Committee: Martha Burris, Anne Massey, John Cantrell, Michelle Sebastian, Ruth Everhart, Bob Mulholland, and David Busshart; followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

B. Recreation Committee Appointments

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Recreation Committee: John Cato, Terry Benson, and David Busshart; followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

C. Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County to Continue Participation in the HUD Home Investment Program

Kevin Krouse recommended the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Gaston County to continue participation in the HUD Home Investment Program.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve Mayor Railey to execute the renewal of the Interlocal agreement with Gaston County's HUD Home Investment Program, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

D. Budget Amendment to General Fund

Kevin Krouse stated the recent snow caused further extensive damage to the police department roof and the City received \$19,469 from our insurance company for the damages. The budget amendment increases the Police Department's Building Repairs budget line item.

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$19,469, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

E. Police Department Roof Replacement Bids

Kevin Krouse stated bids were received to replace the police department roof. Staff recommended Carver and Sons as the low bidder at \$20,250.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to accept Carver and Sons bid of \$20,250 for the replacement and repair of the police department roof, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jim Windham stated he had received a call from the attorney representing the Leer Group. He stated the vacant lot on Pine Street will be added back to the offer to the City of Lowell. Mr. Windham stated once a revised agreement is received, he will present to Council for consideration.

X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager Kevin Krouse gave updates on the following items to Council: NC Cooperative Extension classes for Seniors in Lowell, mid-year financial report, storm water training for elected officials, bike ped plan, advertisement of the Planning/Zoning position, NCDOT intersection meeting, and the award of the \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City of Lowell for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – NCGS 143-318.11(3) & NCGS 143-318.11(5)

A motion was made at 7:32 pm by Councilmember Funderburk to go into Closed Session in accordance with provisions of NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5), followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

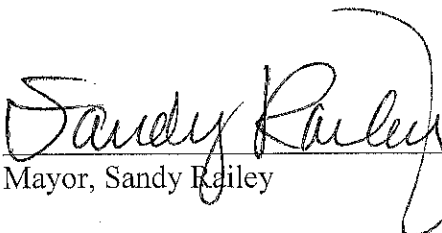
The Council reconvened from Closed Session at 7:48 pm.

XII. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

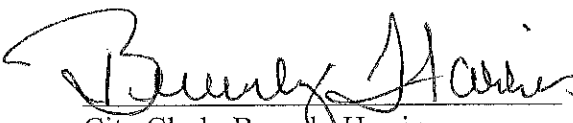
Councilmember Funderburk thanked staff for their contributions to the CDBG Grant work.
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Mayor Railey thanked staff for their efforts towards the CDBG Grant.

XIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 7:48 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris