

MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Work Session

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sandy Railey

Those attending were Mayor Sandy Railey, Councilmember Ken Ervin, Councilmember Candy Funderburk, Councilmember Shane Robinson, Councilmember Thomas Gillespie, City Manager Scott Attaway, Finance Officer Jared Pyles, Public Works Director Thomas Shrewsbury, Planning Director Alex Blackburn, and City Clerk Beverly Harris. Members of the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department and citizens were also present. Councilmember Phil Bonham was absent. A quorum was determined.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adopt the agenda, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimously in favor.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. FY2021-2022 Budget Planning Discussions

Scott Attaway stated the main purpose of this work session was for the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department to give Council more information regarding their FY2021-2022 budget requests.

The VFD Chief presented the Council with a packet explaining the FY2021-2022 budget requests. He stated the main items discussed was the new fire gear (13 sets) and the bay doors (6). He stated they have applied for two grants for fire gear and are waiting on those decisions. He stated they should only have to request replacement for five (5) sets of fire gear each year going forward.

Mr. Attaway discussed the proposed contract and agreement between the City of Lowell and the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Attaway pointed out several requests made by Council were included in the contract: attending monthly Council meetings, providing call log reports, annual audits, etc. Mr. Attaway asked for Council to review the contract and agreement.

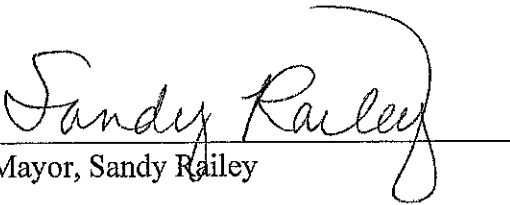
Mayor Railey stated the importance for the VFD to be more involved in the monthly Council meetings especially with the amount they request annually from the city.

Mr. Attaway stated he would like to see a 5 to 10-year CIP developed by the fire department.

There were further discussions of the overall proposed budget to be presented to Council later in May.

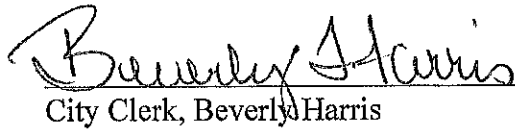
IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adjourn the work session, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimously in favor.



Mayor, Sandy Railey

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Beverly Harris