

# MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 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, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Attorney Jim Windham, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Police Chief Scott Bates, Development Services Administrator Scott Attaway, Parks and Creation Director Cristy Cummings, Finance Officer Kevin Haney, and various citizens. Councilmember Thomas Gillespie was absent.

## II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Richard Sigmon gave the invocation and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

## III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Councilmember Funderburk made the motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

## IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

### A. Recognition of recent promotion for Officer Jeff Harrison

Patrolman Jeff Harrison was promoted to Corporal by Chief Scott Bates.

### B. Proclamation in Remembrance of 9/11

Mayor Railey read the Proclamation presented in Remembrance of 9/11.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were public comments by the following citizens:

- Larry Simonds (Concerns about Raised Taxes/Budget)
- Pastor Sigmon (Against Alcohol Sales at City Events)
- John Cantrell (Separation of Church and State concern with Pastor Sigmon. Asked Citizens to find something positive to do for the City instead of finding fault.)
- Sean Brafford (Wants illumination of new flag display.)

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. August 13, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business to discuss.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Selection of firm for contract administration of the CDBG Infrastructure Grant Program**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to select Withers Ravenel for the contract administration of the CDBG Infrastructure Grant Program, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

### **B. Consideration of approval of financing terms for Police Radios**

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to give permission to Kevin Krouse to execute loan documents from United Financial for the purchase of the Viper radios for the Police Department, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

### **C. Consideration of approval of financing terms for a new main lift pump at Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to give approval to Kevin Krouse to executive loan documents from United Financial for a new main lift pump at the WWTP, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CIA Committee: Chairperson Bob Mulholland told everyone about the Bike Fest coming to George Poston Park. He also gave updates on committee activities connected with the Bike Fest to promote the city support for the event. John Cantrell reminded everyone about the upcoming Holbrook Reunion.

Parks & Recreation: Director Cristy Cummings told everyone about the upcoming Community Health Fair.

## **X. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Nothing new to report from Jim Windham.

## **XI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Kevin Krouse gave updates on the following items:

- Downtown Pedestrian signal work has begun.
- Get Ready Gaston Forum 2019

## **XII. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION**


Councilmember Ervin stated he had received notification from the NC DOT about several project pushbacks due to budgetary reasons (I-85 widening, etc.). He also stated he appreciated how the councilmembers were doing their homework and sticking to the capital improvement plan.

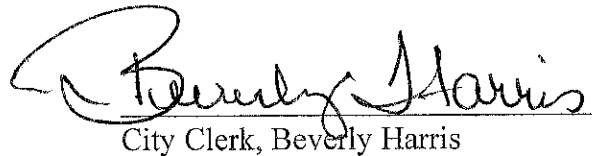
Councilmember Chitwood stated he did not want to keep the City of Lowell in the 60's and he commented that if you go to restaurants where alcohol is served, it's a personal choice whether you want to drink or not.

Mayor Railey thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She stated the Council likes to see citizen participation at the meetings because it tells them the citizens want to stay informed about City business.

## **XIII. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 7:47 pm.

  
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Mayor, Sandy Railey

  
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City Clerk, Beverly Harris