

MINUTES
Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandy Railey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Councilmember Ken Ervin, Councilmember Candy Funderburk, Councilmember Thomas Gillespie, Councilmember Sam Mitchem Jr., Councilmember Shane Robinson, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Attorney Jim Windham, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Financial Officer Kevin Haney, Police Chief Scott Bates, Fire Chief Scott Moore, and various citizens.

II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Gillespie led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Promotions and New Officers in the Police Department

1. Carl Moore promoted to Captain
2. Tony Henderson promoted to Sergeant
3. Trenton Alex Moore – New Officer
4. Nathan Wayne Potter – New Officer

Mayor Railey recognized the promotions of Carl Moore and Tony Henderson.
Mayor Railey recognized Trenton Alex Moore and Nathan Wayne Potter as new officers.

B. Recognition of the 9-10 year old Lowell Baseball Team for winning the 2016 Championship in the West Division of the Gastonia Parks and Recreation League

Mayor Railey recognized the Lowell Baseball Team (age 9-10) for winning the 2016 Championship in the West Division of the Gastonia Parks and Recreation League.

C. 2016 Audit Report from Leon Collis

Leon Collis presented the 2016 audit report for the City of Lowell. Mr. Collis explained since the audit was not completed by December 31, 2016, the City of Lowell would need to have an amendment to the contract.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were given.

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the January 9, 2017 City Council Meeting
- B. Resolution regarding the purpose and use of Petty Cash Funds
- C. Authorization for the City Manager to execute an on-call services contract with US Infrastructure of the Carolinas to perform engineering services on behalf of the City
- D. Authorization for Mayor Railey to execute an amended contract with Collis and Associates to allow more time to complete the Audit ending June 30, 2016

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to remove item B (Resolution regarding the purpose and use of Petty Cash Funds) from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business to be discussed further, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda (item A, C, & D), followed by a second from Councilmember Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action to accept a bid received from Asphalt Paving of Shelby to Mill and Resurface Oak Street

Thomas Shrewsbury discussed the bid received from Asphalt Paving of Shelby to Mill and Resurface Oak Street.

Councilmember Ervin motion to award the bid to Asphalt Paving of Shelby to mill and resurface Oak Street and to add additional permanent speed humps, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Award Property Owner Gordon Bane a Façade Grant in an amount not to exceed \$680 for 110 N. Main Street

Kevin Krouse recommended awarding Gordon Bane a façade grant in an amount to not exceed \$680 for 110 N. Main Street.

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to award the façade grant to Gordon Bane not to exceed \$680 for 110 N. Main Street, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

C. Discussion of Software Purchase and Service for Utility Payment via Credit/Debit Cards

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to allow staff to make the decision on when to purchase the development piece from Sturgis for \$3180, followed by a second from Councilmember Mitchem. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Request from Richard Trado to dissolve existing Lease Agreement and enter into a new Lease Agreement

Kevin Krouse made a recommendation to table this item and possibly schedule it for a Closed Session later. Council agreed.

B. Presentation from Fire Chief Scott Moore regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement between Home Trust Bank and Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Chief Moore stated a signed letter of agreement from the Mayor and the City of Lowell would be needed in order for the Lowell Fire Department to refinance a Lease Purchase Agreement with Home Trust Bank to refurbish the tanker truck.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to proceed with verification of the funds and the signed letter from the Mayor, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to appoint a subcommittee consisting of two Council members to review the Water and Sewer Rate Study with the Manager and Consultants

Mayor Railey recommended Ken Ervin and Shane Robinson be appointed to a subcommittee reviewing the Water and Sewer Rate Study with the Manager and Consultants.

Councilmember Gillespie made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilmembers Ervin and Robinson to the subcommittee, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

D. Resolution regarding Petty Cash Funds (ADDED)

Kevin Haney recommended the need for a Resolution regarding the purpose and use of Petty Cash Funds for the City of Lowell.

Councilmember Robinson requested there be a \$50 limit added to the Resolution.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the Petty Cash Resolution showing the amended \$50 limit, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney had nothing new to report.

X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager had nothing new to report.

XI. STAFF REPORT

A. Update from Chief Bates regarding police vehicles

Chief Scott Bates updated the Council on the color scheme change for the incoming police vehicles.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

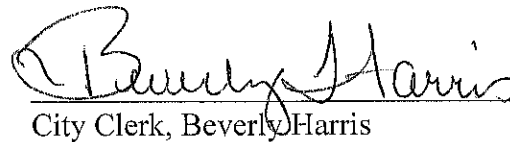
Councilmembers Funderburk and Gillespie stated how proud they were of the City of Lowell and the direction the town seemed to be moving.

XIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris