

**MINUTES**  
Lowell City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 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, Public Works Director Thomas Shrewsbury, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens.

**II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Gillespie led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Kevin Krouse asked to amend the agenda in order to add Item VII C for the text amendment to the City Code of Ordinance regarding the fire hydrant tampering penalty.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to approve the amended agenda (Item VII C as stated by Kevin Krouse), followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2017 City Council Meeting**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie.

Councilmember Robinson requested changes to be made on page 5, Section VIII, Item C.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes with the revision stated by Councilmember Robinson, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Discussion and Possible Action to accept a bid received from Asphalt Paving of Shelby to Prepare and Pave Roseboro and Cloninger Court

Kevin Krouse discussed the bid of 36,200.00 received from Asphalt Paving of Shelby, Inc. to prepare and pave Roseboro and Cloninger Court.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to accept the bid from Asphalt Paving of Shelby, Inc., followed by a second from Councilmember Mitchem. The vote was unanimous.

### B. Discussion of Township Grant Project Options

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to table this item until next month's regularly scheduled meeting, in order to give staff more time to obtain cost estimates on road crossings and community center repairs, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the Five (5) Year Strategic Plan

Kevin Krouse recommended Council adopt the Five (5) Year Strategic Plan for the City of Lowell.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to adopt the Five (5) Year Strategic Plan, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

### B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Utility Billing Policy

Beverly Harris discussed the Utility Billing Policy with Council.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to adopt the Utility Billing Policy with recommended amendments, followed by a second from Councilmember Mitchem. The vote was three to two in favor with Councilmember Robinson and Gillespie opposing.

### C. Fire Hydrant Tampering Penalty

Kevin Krouse recommended approving the text amendment to City Code to institute a \$1,000 fine for those caught taking water from a hydrant without a permit; adding Section 51.12 (B).

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adopt the text amendment to City Code to institute a \$1,000 fine for those caught taking water from a hydrant without a permit, followed by a second from Councilmember Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

### **VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

The City Attorney did not have anything new to report.

### **IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

The City Manager discussed the storm water permit process; the Main Street Affiliate Program presentation he would be attending with John Cantrell; and he also gave an update on the upcoming Freedom Festival.

### **X. STAFF REPORTS**

There were no staff reports discussed.

### **XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Funderburk inquired about the Code Enforcement Program and who would be handling it going forward. She also asked for an update on the River Falls project and trucks on Mill Street.

Councilmember Ervin commended public works for keeping the city clean and continuing to find deteriorated water lines. He also commended Chief Bates and the Lowell Police Department and their recent work.

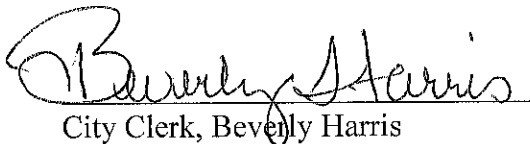
Councilmember Robinson inquired with Kevin Krouse and Kevin Haney on several line items from the March Financial Report.

Councilmember Mitchem commended city staff for doing a good job.

### **XII. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:55 pm.

  
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Mayor, Sandy Railey

  
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City Clerk, Beverly Harris