

MINUTES

Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

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 Attorney Jim Windham, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Public Works Director Thomas Shrewsbury, Finance Officer Kevin Haney, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Pastor Richard Sigmon of Lowell Freewill Baptist Church led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mr. Mark Cramer: Update on Greater Gaston Development Corporation (GGDC) initiatives
Mr. Cramer was not present.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for those who desire to address the council on any topic not listed on the night's agenda. Speakers should sign up on a provided sign-up sheet prior to the meeting's start to be recognized. Each speaker is asked to observe a five-minute time limit on his or her comments. Because such topics usually require more information or research, council may, but should not feel compelled to, respond to comments or to take any action. The council may, at its discretion, direct staff to provide research and more information and schedule the topic for a future agenda.

There were public comments at the meeting. (Larry Simonds / Jennifer McBee)

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from the August 14, 2017 City Council Regular Meeting
Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 City Council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Mitchem. The vote was unanimous.

B. 9/11 Remembrance Day Proclamation

Mayor Railey read the 9/11 Remembrance Day Proclamation. Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the 9/11 Remembrance Day Proclamation, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

C. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Mayor Railey read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, followed by a second by Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

D. Dyslexia Awareness Proclamation

Mayor Railey read the Dyslexia Awareness Proclamation. Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the Dyslexia Awareness Proclamation, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend the Fee Schedule to Reduce the Cost of Additional Roll Out Carts

Kevin Krouse made a recommendation for Council to amend the Fee Schedule to change the cost of the residential and commercial roll out carts to \$5.70 each for the first and additional residential roll cart; \$15.00 each for the first and additional commercial roll cart.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to amend the fee schedule to the revised fees given by Kevin Krouse, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Capital Improvement Plan for Water/Sewer

Kevin Krouse made a recommendation for Council to approve the submitted 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Water/Sewer.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Water/Sewer, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

C. Resolution of intent to apply for Asset and Inventory Management Plan

Kevin Krouse made a recommendation for Council to apply for a CBGB grant for a water line replacement in September 2018. He stated an asset and inventory study would need to be completed first. In addition, Mr. Krouse recommended Council approval of a Resolution for the water and a Resolution for waste water as part of the grant application.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the CDBG resolution for water, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the CDBG resolution for waste water, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jim Windham had nothing new to report.

IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Krouse stated he stood behind Thomas Shrewsbury's decision and input on the leak at Exit 22. Mr. Krouse also stated the city's portion of the taxes on the Richard Trado property from 2014 forward would need to be paid. In addition, he gave an update on Octoberfest, scheduled for October 28, 4-8 pm.

X. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Gillespie inquired if the Township grant information had been submitted by staff to Ronnie Worley.

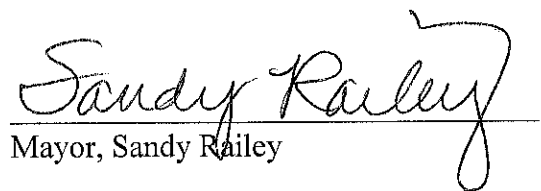
Councilmember Ervin thanked city employees for doing a good job and stated he had witnessed the amount of water that was leaking from Exit 22 and he supported the decision made by staff.

Councilmember Robinson stated he didn't feel Thomas Shrewsbury had created the problem of how the leak was fixed at Exit 22.

Mayor Railey stated she was there when NC DOT and the city was addressing the leak at Exit 22. She reiterated the city was under the direction of NC DOT standards during the fix.

XI. 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 7:45 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris