

MINUTES

Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 Ken Ervin, Councilmember Candy Funderburk, Councilmember Thomas Gillespie, Councilmember Phil Bonham, Councilmember DeWayne Chitwood, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens. The City Attorney Jim Windham was absent.

II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Thomas Gillespie gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

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

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of Lowell Police Department Members (Chief Scott Bates, Captain Carl Moore, Sergeant Jerry Scott) for Receiving their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate

Mayor Railey recognized Chief Scott Bates, Captain Carl Moore, and Sergeant Jerry Scott for receiving their Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 regular Council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to remove “No Truck” signs from Mill Street

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to remove the “No Thru Trucks” sign on Mill Street and directed staff to amend the Schedule XII Weight Restrictions Ordinance to remove Mill Street and allow heavy trucks on Mill Street, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was three in favor, and two opposed. The motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action to appoint John Cantrell to Planning and Zoning Board vacant position

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to appoint John Cantrell to the Planning and Zoning Board, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

B. Discussion and possible action to refer Text Amendment TA18-001 to the Planning and Zoning Board and Set Public Hearing on the matter for February 12, 2018

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to refer Text Amendment TA18-001 to the Planning and Zoning Board and schedule a Public Hearing for February 12, 2018, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jim Windham was absent from the meeting.

X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Krouse stated the Council Retreat will be January 31, 8:30-4:00 pm. Mr. Krouse also gave updates on the True Homes building project and the Gaston Outside Campaign.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to pay the \$3,125 Gaston Outside program enrollment fee in two installments: \$1,125 this year, and \$2000 next year, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

XI. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Gillespie asked for an update on the grant from the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Funderburk asked for volunteers for Meals on Wheels; update on marquee; update on pressure washing at Police Department.

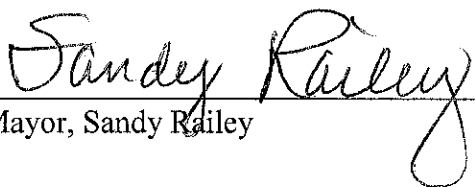
Councilmember Chitwood congratulated the Police Department on their certificates.

Councilmember Ervin stated the water department had been doing an outstanding job with breaks during cold weather.

Mayor Railey thanked public works for their hard work over the holidays.

XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:00 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris