

MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 9, 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 Attorney Jim Windham, City Manager Kevin Krouse, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens.

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 Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Herb Gittens – Recycling Idea; Wells Eddleman – Letter submitted to Gastonia Gazette and Belmont Banner article.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Text Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations of the UDO regarding Public Street Standards and Acceptance

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Text Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations of the UDO regarding Public Street Standards and Acceptance, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to open public comments, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

There were two public comments from the following citizens: Darryl Tate and Wells Eddleman.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to close the public comments, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to accept the text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations of the UDO regarding Public Street Standards as presented, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2018 regular council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Ervin. The vote was unanimous.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Surplus Property Resolution to dispose of two pianos

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Resolution, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action to Set Public Hearing for the Consideration of a Text Amendment to the UDO Section 8.1.11 (A)(2)

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to set a Public Hearing on May 14 for the Consideration of a Text Amendment to the UDO Section 8.1.11 (A)(2), followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

B. Discussion and Possible Action to Consider the Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the School Bond and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum

Kevin Krouse stated the Gaston County Commissioners were seeking support for the School Bond and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum by means of possible adoption of a Resolution.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to support the adoption of the Resolution supporting the School Bond and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum. Then Councilmember Ervin withdrew his motion.

There was further discussion amongst Council members.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to support the adoption of the Resolution supporting the School Bond and Quarter Cent Sales Tax Referendum, followed by a second from Councilmember Bonham. The vote was in favor four to one with Councilmember Chitwood opposing.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jim Windham had nothing new to report.

X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Krouse stated the System Development Fee study had been published on the city's website for public review. He also mentioned two articles recently published in the paper regarding the pedestrian plan and the township grant.

XI. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Gillespie stated Mr. Larry Thomasson had inquired about the installation of a left turn signal being needed at the main intersection in front of City Hall. Councilmember Gillespie also directed staff to research possible Council attendance at the NC Town Hall Day and State Dinner on May 29 in Raleigh.

Councilmember Funderburk stated McGinnis Martial Arts grand opening on Saturday, April 12 and also gave information on a women's self defense series offered by the company.

Councilmember Ervin stated the police staff and the City Manager had done an excellent job in searching for grants to improve the City of Lowell.

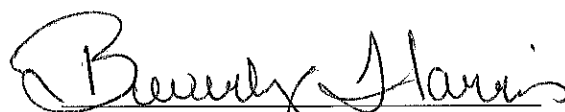
Mayor Railey reminded citizens that the National Day of Prayer is May 3. Mayor Railey read a brief history on the National Day of Prayer and urged citizens to attend the event at City Hall.

XII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Chitwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris