

# MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 11, 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, Finance Officer Kevin Haney, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Public Works Director Thomas Shrewsbury, 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, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

## IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### A. Herb Gittens

Mr. Herb Gittens presented his idea and suggestion for the City of Lowell recycling program to Council and staff for their consideration.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ann Worthy: Cash Points and Community Center charge comment.

Wells Eddleman: Budget and Rate Increase comment.

Larry Simonds: Q&A process from Council comment.

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. System Development Fee

#### i. Open Public Hearing

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss the System Development Fee, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

- ii. Report from Steven Miller of WR Martin Engineering  
Steven Miller of WR Martin Engineering presented the System Development Fee information. This is replacing the current Availability Fee charged to new water and sewer connections.
- iii. Public Comments  
Ann Worthy, Larry Simonds, and Wells Eddleman had public comments about the System Development Fee.
- iv. Close Public Hearing  
Councilmember Ervin made a motion to close the Public Hearing, followed by a second from Councilmember Bonham. The vote was unanimous.
- v. Council Action  
Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the resolution establishing a new system development fee, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

B. FY2019 Municipal Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

- i. Open Public Hearing  
Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss the FY2019 Municipal Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.
- ii. Budget Presentation  
Kevin Krouse presented the proposed FY2018-2019 Municipal budget to Council.
- iii. Public Comments  
Wells Eddleman, Ann Worthy, Larry Simonds, Shane Robinson, Terry Benson, and John Cato had comments about the FY2019 Municipal budget.
- iv. Close Public Hearing  
Councilmember Ervin made a motion to close the Public Hearing, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.
- v. Council Action  
Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the FY2018-2019 Municipal Budget and Fee Schedule, followed by a second from Councilmember Bonham. The vote was unanimous.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Approval of Minutes from the May 14, 2018 Regular Council Meeting**

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular Council meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Contract with Collis and Associates to Prepare the 2018 Audit**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to go into contract with Collis and Associates to prepare the City of Lowell 2018 audit, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

### **B. Contract with Collis and Associates to Prepare Fire Department 2018 Audit**

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to go into contract with Collis and Associates to prepare the 2018 fire department audit, followed by a second from Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimous.

## **X. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

The city attorney had nothing new to report.

## **XI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Kevin Krouse gave an update on the NC DOT right-of-way encroachment for the pedestrian walkways and the new Little Library in Lowell.

## **XII. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Ervin thanked staff and Council for their work on the budget.

Councilmember Funderburk gave update on the Larry Morrow bridge renaming celebration.

Councilmember Chitwood thanked employees and citizens for coming to the meeting.

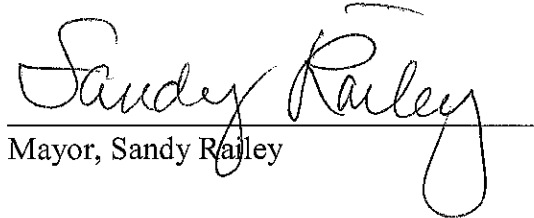
Councilmember Gillespie thanked Terry Benson for his comments.

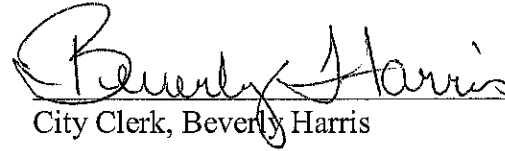
Councilmember Bonham agreed with the comments by the other councilmembers.

Mayor Railey thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting and giving their input.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Councilmember Funderburk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

  
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Mayor, Sandy Railey

  
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City Clerk, Beverly Harris