

MINUTES

Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 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 Phil Bonham, Councilmember DeWayne Chitwood, City Attorney Jim Windham, City Manager Kevin Krouse, Finance Officer Kevin Haney, City Clerk Beverly Harris, Police Chief Scott Bates, and various citizens. Councilmember Thomas Gillespie was absent.

II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kevin Haney gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Mayor Railey stated Item #7 (New Business) will be removed from the agenda due to Councilmember Gillespie being absent. Mayor Railey stated the applicant (Scott Stone) asked to have a full board hear the variance.

Kevin Krouse stated this item would be moved to the August 20 regular council meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Bawley – Preston Place – Variance question.

John Cato – Hedges causing a safety problem at Mill St and McAdenville Rd.

Bruce – Preston Place – Asked for both neighborhoods to be contacted by letter on variances.

Wells Eddleman – Lineberger property suggestion, Council transparency.

Darryl Tate – Lineberger property, Council transparency.

Ryan Mefferd – Lauren Woods – Variance question.

Terry Benson – Manager contract, new meters, State Credit Union atm.

Alice Neal – Police Department, sidewalks, Hwy 7.

Chuck Starr – Lauren Woods – Variance question.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
- B. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Build Grant Resolution of Support
- C. Reschedule Date of August Council Meeting to August 6, 2018
- D. Set Public Hearing for August 6, 2018 for Conditional Use Permit Request from RFG Development to Develop a Planned Residential Development on Parcel ID 212032

There was discussion to change the August 6 date noted in Item C & D to August 20.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes discussed, followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimous.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Award Bid for Phase 1 of Crosswalk Safety Enhancements – Grant Funded

Kevin Krouse stated he had received a quote for the crosswalk enhancements. Paveway Systems quoted \$44,706.40. Mr. Krouse recommended delaying the work until NCDOT has completed the paving of N Main St (hopefully September 1st) to ensure the pavers would not mess up the new crosswalks.

Councilmember Ervin made a motion to approve the Paveway Systems quote not to exceed \$44,706.40, followed by a second from Councilmember Chitwood. The vote was unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

This item was postponed to August 20 regular council meeting. (See Item III)

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Jim Windham stated a hearing regarding a Reid Street property that was demolished has been scheduled for July 23.

IX. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kevin Krouse gave updates on the following items:

- Lineberger property grant application
- Records destruction project completed at City Hall
- Advertisement of the Parks & Recreation position
- Future CDBG grants interest
- Washington Alloy closing on Bryant Electric building in Lowell with 25 new jobs
- Altitude Trampoline Park moving into old HH Gregg building at Franklin Square
- Police Traffic Grant

X. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL GENERAL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ervin asked Kevin Krouse if Lowell will be able to provide input on the Spencer Mountain Road project. He also thanked the Police Department for their hard work.

Councilmember Funderburk inquired about truck traffic on Second Street. She also commended the City Manager for the work he has accomplished.

Councilmember Bonham thanked Ryan Mefferd for his comments and stated the Council do hear the citizens and only want what's best for Lowell.

Mayor Railey thanked everyone for coming and participating in the meeting.

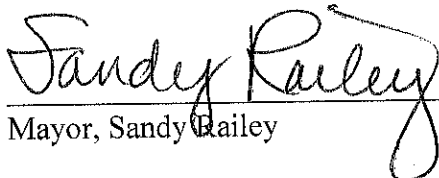
XI. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONEL MATTER (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6))

A motion was made at 8:30 pm by Councilmember Ervin to go into Closed Session in accordance with provisions of NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), followed by a second from Councilmember Funderburk.

The Council reconvened from Closed Session at 9:00 pm.

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 9:00 pm.



Mayor, Sandy Railey



City Clerk, Beverly Harris