

CITY OF LOWELL  
MICHIGAN  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL  
**TUESDAY**, JANUARY 18, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

AT  
LOWELL CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SECOND FLOOR  
301 EAST MAIN STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2011 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2011
8. 2009-2010 AUDIT PRESENTATIONS
  - A. CITY OF LOWELL
  - B. LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER
9. UPDATE – SNOW PLOW OPERATOR PERMIT
10. UPDATE - VIDEO COVERAGE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
11. MONTHLY REPORTS
12. COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS
13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
14. APPOINTMENTS
15. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak on an item included on the printed meeting agenda may do so. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair, at which time they will be required to state their name and will be allowed five (5) minutes maximum to address the Council. A speaker representing a subdivision association or group will be allowed ten (10) minutes to address the Council.

To: Mayor Hodges and the Members of the City Council

From: David M. Pasquale

SUBJECT: Agenda for **Tuesday**, January 18, 2011 Meeting

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance, roll call.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the regular and closed session minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting.
4. Approval of the Accounts Payable
5. Citizens' comments for items not on the agenda.
6. Old Business
  - a) Streets, sidewalks plan – work session scheduled for Monday, January 31.
  - b) Wastewater Treatment update – To schedule door to door survey to determine where sump pumps are. Certified mail has been sent to a list of residents who City knows are pumping ground water. Ads in the Ledger, Buyers Guides, Cable TV and City web site will be provided.
  - c) Amphitheater renovations – Parks and Recreation Master Plan update completed and sent to State to qualify for grants assistance. A survey delineating ownership has also been finished. A design charette (getting citizen input) for riverbank improvements was carried out on Thursday, January 13. At the Downtown Development Authority meeting held on January 13, the Boardmembers continued discussion regarding future development of this property.
  - d) Website upgrade – ten website proposals have been received. A committee meeting for review is planned for Wednesday, January 19.
  - e) Consumers Energy – sidewalk report – under review.
7. Grand Rapids Community College – collection of summer property taxes for 2011. As recently carried out for the Kent Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids Community College has requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects the GRCC's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

Thus, I recommend that the current policy for collecting GRCC summer property taxes be maintained and a resolution be passed.

8. 2009-2010 Audit Presentations
  - A. City of Lowell. Stephen Blann of Rehmann Dobson will present his firm's findings on last year's accounts and records.
  - B. Lowell Light and Power. Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner will present his firm's findings for the Light and Power accounts.

9. Update – snow plow operator permit. At the January 3 Council meeting, several snow plow operators were present to express their concern over the recently passed ordinance involving snow plowing and the permit application process. A moratorium was put into effect until February 15.

Police Chief James Hinton and City Clerk Betty Morlock have met with representatives of snow plow operators. A memo summarizing the meeting is attached. The issue will be brought to the Council for consideration on February 7.

10. Update - Video coverage of public meetings. As initially discussed at the last meeting, an update of information regarding video coverage of public meetings will be provided.
11. Monthly Reports. The attached reports have been provided:

City Manager Activity	Police	Building
Public Works	Fire	Budget

12. Council Reports and Comments.

Andrew Schrauben	Lowell Airport Board Parks and Recreation Commission Lowell Area Recreation Authority
Maryalene LaPonsie	Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority
Jeff Altoft	Board of Review Downtown Development Authority
Sharon Ellison	Arbor Board LCTV Endowment Board
Jim Hodges	Lowell Light and Power Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Look Memorial Fund
Commissions without Representatives:	Downtown Historic District Commission Construction Board of Appeals Building Authority Local Officers Compensation Commission

13. City Manager's Report. Attached.

14. Appointments. The following boards or commissioners positions need appointment or reappointment.

Board of Review		<u>Terms Expires</u>
To fill in for Jim Wood's position	appointment	06/30/2013
Alternate Position	appointment	

Planning Commission		
Vacancy (Barb Brown's resignation)	appointment	06/30/2013
Vacancy (Amy Hayes' resignation)	appointment	06/30/2011
LCTV Endowment Fund Board		
Dan Brubaker	reappointment	12/31/2013
Building Authority		
Vacancy (Jim Maatman moved out of town)	appointment	01/01/2014

15. Adjournment.