

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, JULY 5, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Altoft and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Mayor Jeff Altoft, Councilmembers Mike Devore, Jim Hodges, Jeff Phillips and Alan Teelander.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Interim City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Susan Ullery, City Treasurer Sue Olin, DPW Director Rich LaBombard and Police Officer Chris Hurst.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by TEELANDER to approve the agenda as written.

YES: 5 NO: None. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PRECEDING REGULAR AND/OR SPECIAL MEETINGS.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by TEELANDER to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 special meeting as written.

YES: Mayor Altoft, Councilmember DeVore, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips and Councilmember Teelander. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by PHILLIPS to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 closed meeting as written.

YES: Councilmember DeVore, Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Teelander and Mayor Altoft. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by TEELANDER to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 regular meeting as written.

YES: Councilmember Hodges, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Teelander, Mayor Altoft and Councilmember DeVore. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.**

<u>BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/05/2016)</u>	
General Fund	\$11,599.12
Downtown Development Fund	\$433.40
Designated Contributions Fund	\$5,225.00
Airport Fund	\$417.61
Wastewater Fund	\$60,371.04
Water Fund	\$2,983.84
Data Processing Fund	\$360.00
Equipment Fund	\$3,195.85

IT WAS MOVED BY PHILLIPS and seconded by DEVORE to approve the accounts payable as presented.

YES: Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Teelander, Mayor Altoft, Councilmember DeVore and

Councilmember Hodges. NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **CITIZEN DISCUSSION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

There were no citizen comments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

a. Strategic Goals Report.

Nothing new to report.

b. Pending Council Projects Report.

Nothing new to report.

c. Council Training and Information Schedule.

Nothing new to report.

d. Strategic Plan Overview.

Nothing new to report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Presentation – Robert Brown and Friends of “the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail – Trails”.

Robert Brown, Chairperson of the “Fred Meijer River Valley Rail – Trails” presented a progress report. There has been an increased amount of curiosity over when the Lowell to Belding and Lowell to Saranac sections of the trail will be completed.

b. Presentation – Rich LaBombard – Public Works Update.

DPW Director, Rich LaBombard, provided updates on the following projects:

- North Washington Street paving
- Sidewalks
- Downtown parking lot/MDOT projects

c. City Manager Search.

An open house is scheduled for Monday, July 11 between 6-8 p.m. at the Grand Volute so the public can get to know the City Manager candidates. On Tuesday, July 12, the candidates will be formally interviewed by the Council.

8. **BOARD/COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

Councilmember Phillips stated that the next Historic District Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12. There will also be one on Tuesday, July 26. Both are at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Teelander attended the last Planning Commission meeting where they voted to approve site plans for the Lighthouse expansion. The next meeting will be on July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Also, the new Showboat Commission met and there was a lot of discussion on what to do with the Showboat. The next meeting will be on July 26 at 6:00 at the Chamber office.

Councilmember DeVore attended the Parks and Recreation meeting. Impact Church, Baptist Church and some private citizens are looking at replacing the playground equipment at Stoney Lakeside Park. They are looking to start it in 2017 and expect it all to be privately funded through grants. They will provide the labor as well. There are three different options for the playground setup. They wish for the City to continue with its yearly inspections, maintain the playground equipment and to cover permit fees. Eventually, they would request assistance from the DPW with the installation of a handicapped ramp from the parking lot to the restrooms and then to the playground equipment and perhaps extending the ramp to the water. They would also request that the City Council provide a letter of support that can be attached with their grant application.

9. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS.**

The Arbor Board is in need of a member from the Lowell Light & Power Board. They are expecting a recommendation soon.

10. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

1. The City Council and staff had a wonderful time with the City of Portland during Mayor Exchange last Thursday.

11. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Hodges stated that he was sorry to have missed the Portland Mayor Exchange due to being out of the state on a mission trip. He also congratulated Steve Donkersloot on being appointed as

the General Manager of Lowell Light & Power. He then reminded the community to come out to the Riverwalk Festival this coming weekend.

Councilmember Phillips congratulated Steve Donkersloot. He also thanked Dave and City Clerk, Sue Ullery, as well as the other council members for a great time in Portland.

Councilmember Teelander spoke about Portland and how much he enjoyed it there. He also congratulated Steve Donkersloot on his new position.

Councilmember DeVore congratulated Steve Donkersloot.

Mayor Altoft spoke about his time in Portland and said that he had a nice time. He asked Officer Chris Hurst how the 4th of July went. Hurst replied the department was busy – taking in 20 separate complaints that weekend.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Jeff Altoft, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk