

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery, DPW Director Rich LaBombard and Chief of Police Steve Bukala.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to approve the consent agenda containing the following items with the exception of paying the invoice from Weston Solutions in the amount of \$1,500 at this time.

- Approval of the agenda
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the October 3, 2016 City Council meeting and October 6, 2016 City Council/Board of Light and Power Special Meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$247,469.13.

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

Councilmember Teelander.

NO: None. ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Michelle Young, Under Sheriff of the Kent County Sheriff's Department spoke in behalf of Proposal II "Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Dispatch".

4. **OLD BUSINESS.**

a. Biodigester Update

City Manager Burns reported regarding the joint meeting of the City Council and Lowell Light and Power on Thursday, October 6, 2016 and provided the Odor Mitigation Plan from Lowell Energy AD, LLD (LEAD).

b. Trash/Yard Waste/Recycling Discussion.

At the October 3, 2016 City Council meeting four possible options regarding the future of waste hauling in the City was discussed. The City Council directed City Manager Burns to review Section 11 of the City Ordinance that pertains to waste removal. If the City chooses to opt out of residential waste disposal, the provisions in the ordinance would still be in place.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by PHILLIPS to not renew the City's contract with Red Creek that expires on November 30, 2016 and allow residents to enter into agreements with private city licensed waste haulers of their choosing.

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

c. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Rotor Replacement Parks - Presentation

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt updated the Council on the rotor breakage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. With the assistance of other staff from Suez, the broken rotor that is thirty years old was replaced with no disruption to the service of the plant.

5. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Bid Recommendation – Lift Station Valley Vista and Main

The City received sealed bids to reconstruct the City's main sewer lift station and construct a trunk line sewer between the existing main lift station and the wastewater treatment plant and also to reconstruct Valley Vista lift station.

Brian Vilmont, P.E. from Prein & Newhof stated the low bid for the main lift station and trunk line sewer work is \$1,247,859 from Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. of Grand Rapids. The low bid for the Valley Vista lift station was \$398,875 also from Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to award the contract to Kamminga & Roodvoets in the amount not to exceed \$340,000 to start the trenching work this winter with the balance of the project done in the spring after the Bond Sale is completed.

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

b. Request to Name the Boy Scout Park "Scout Park".

The Parks and Receptions Commission have recommended that the City Council consider naming the City owned property on North Washington/Boy Scout Cabin to "Scout Park".

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by TEELANDER to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and name the City owned property on North Washington to Scout Park.

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

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

6. **MONTHLY REPORTS.**

No comments were received.

7. **BOARD/COMMISSIONS REPORTS.**

Councilmember Hodges gave an update on the activities of the Arbor Board that met on October 10, 2016. Hodges also noted that the Look Memorial Fund grant applications are due on Friday, October 28, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Councilmember Phillips gave an update on the Lowell Historic District Commission noting the second story windows at the LowellArts building at 221–223 West Main Street were donated by All Weather Seal. The next HDC meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Teelander noted that he attended the Light and Power Board meeting on October 13, 2016 and Peter Haefner of Vredeveld and Haefner LLC presented the annual audit.

Councilmember DeVore stated none of his boards or commissions have met yet this month. DeVore did note with the change of his work schedule, he can no longer serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilmember Teelander stated he would volunteer to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by PHILLIPS to appoint Councilmember Alan Teelander to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Altoft updated the Council on the activities of the Airport Board.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Burns stated a resolution for the Sale of Bonds will be presented at the next meeting. First round of interviews for Deputy City Clerk have been completed with second interviews within the next week or so, hopefully the position will be filled after the election.

On Tuesday, October 11th Burns attended the Fur Trade Open House at the Lowell Museum and was very impressed with the program and facilities. He also attended the Open House for the Fire Department and felt it was well attended. Also, DPW Director Rich LaBombard is in charge of updating our training for City staff and the first one on Fire Extinguishers was held today.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Hodges mentioned the Harvest Festival was October 8th. This included a Chili Cook Off, LowellArts tours and Light and Power giving bucket rides and free hot dogs. Hodges also attended the Museum's Fur Trading exhibit, which will remain there for two years. He also participated through the Lowell Rotary Club in the Neighbor to Neighbor work weekend. On Thursday night, October 20th the Girls Night Out in Lowell starts at 5 p.m.

Mayor Altoft noted how great the Harvest Festival was as well as he learned a lot about campaign signs. Altoft also stated he felt right about spending \$1,500 to test the air quality of the bio digester.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Jeff Altoft, Mayor

Susan Ullery, City Clerk