

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, 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 Mike DeVore and City Clerk Susan Ullery called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Jim Hodges, Jeff Phillips, Alan Teelander and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Mike Burns, City Clerk Susan Ullery and L&P General Manager Steve Donkersloot.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by PHILLIPS to approve the consent agenda as written.

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the regular minutes of the January 3, 2017 City Council meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$209,094.50.

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

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

Perry Beachum of 924 Riverside Drive and Chair of the Lowell Area Recreation Authority presented and read into record the findings of the audit from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson.

5. **OLD BUSINESS.**

a. Bio-digester Update.

City Manager Mike Burns provided an update on the bio-digester. Currently, the bio-digester is non-operational and the tanks have been cleaned out. The wastewater discharge permit has also been revoked. He noted this is a very complex issue and further discussion continues.

6. **NEW BUSINESS.**

a. Resolution 03-17 – Establishing the Compensation for Members of the Board of Light and Power.

City Manager Mike Burns explained the resolution approves the compensation for members of the Board of Light and Power.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adopt resolution 03-17.

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

b. Ordinance 17-01 – Review Bow Hunting on Ten Acres of Private Land.

City Manager Mike Burns explained a local resident recently requested that the cross bow prohibition be stricken from the ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by TEELANDER to adopt ordinance 17-01.

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

c. Labor Negotiations with the Lowell Police Department and the IBEW-Hiring Attorney Stephen Schultz.

City Manager Mike Burns explained the City has two labor groups (Police and DPW), in which, both labor groups have contracts that expire on June 30, 2017. Therefore requested the City retain the Counsel of Attorney Stephen Schultz of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC in Okemos.

IT WAS MOVED BY TEELANDER and seconded by PHILLIPS to retain Stephen Schultz from Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC at a cost not to exceed \$200 for the purpose of labor negotiations.

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

d. Recommendation to accept bid - 500,000 Gallon Reservoir Interior Painting.

City Manager Mike Burns stated on December 21, 2016, the City received and opened four bids for the proposed 500,000 gallon reservoir roof repainting project at the Water Treatment Plant. The City's engineering and inspection vendor, Dixon engineering of Lake Odessa, reviewed each of the bids and verified the qualifications and references of each submittal. Burns recommended the City accept the low bid provided by Industrial Painting of Taylor, Michigan and award the work in the amount of \$67,400.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by TEELANDER to accept the low bid provided by Industrial Painting of Taylor, Michigan and award the work in the amount of \$67,400.

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

7. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Phillips stated the Historic District Commission (HDC) meets on January 24th. Due to a conflict, he will not be able to attend.

Councilmember Hodges noted that the Arbor Board meeting was cancelled for January and the next one is scheduled for February 13th. Grant applications for the Look Memorial Fund are due April 28th. He went on to state the Lowell Cable TV Endowment Board (LCTV) will be accepting applications until February 10, 2017. There was a Fire Authority Board meeting last week and Jim Herb was selected as Chairperson, Dave Pasquale is Vice Chair and Carlton Blough was selected as Secretary/Treasurer. The meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Councilmember Teelander stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting on January 9th. Bruce Barker was elected as Chair and Jim Salzwedel as Vice Chair. They adopted the "Rules and Procedures" and continued to review Chapter 4 of the Zoning Ordinance. Lowell Light and Power (LL&P) approved authorized signatures as well as approved a budget item over-run of \$24,000 in order to quickly qualify for a \$200,000 capacity credit. Three bids were submitted to lay fiber cable for the new phone system. There was also discussion regarding a purchase power agreement for the White's Bridge dam. Teelander went on to note Lowell Light and Power will have a booth at the Lowell Expo. He also mentioned the Flat River Water Shed Council meeting he attended.

Councilmember Canfield stated he will attend the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 18th.

Mayor DeVore advised that LARA did not meet.

8. **MONTHLY REPORTS.**

No comments were received.

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Burns reported on the following:

- On Thursday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. a representative from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) came and spoke at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on behalf of a series called "Save My City". He advised it was a well-attended event.
- City and DPW staff met with Prien and Newhoff to discuss the Storm and Wastewater Asset Management Plan (SAW Grant).
- Park and Recreation Commission will meet on January 18th where they will be discussing the Park and Recreation Plan.
- Showboat Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 19th in the Council Chambers.
- Dr. Lew Bender will be meeting with the Council on Friday, January 20th from 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 21st from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Lowell Light and Power.

10. **APPOINTMENTS**

Expires

Mayor DeVore noted Martin McPhee submitted his application to serve on the Board of Review.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to appoint Martin McPhee to the Board of Review.

DeVore also advised that Councilmember Canfield will now be on the Parks and Recreation Board and Councilmember Teelander will be the City Representative on LARA in place of Mayor DeVore.

11. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Phillips wished everyone a good week.

Councilmember Hodges noted “Coffee with Council” has been revitalized and will be held at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce on the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Hodges also announced the Chamber of Commerce will hold their awards banquet dinner at Deer Run on February 23, 2017.

Councilmember Canfield stated he attended the recent Michigan Municipal League (MML) meeting that was held at the Lowell High School. It was a very educational meeting.

Councilmember Teelander stated he was looking forward to the meeting with Dr. Lew Bender.

Mayor DeVore had no comments.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by DEVORE to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

DATE:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

APPROVED:

Susan Ullery, City Clerk