

**PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, MARCH 04, 2019, 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 Deputy Clerk Amy Brown called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Marty Chambers, Cliff Yankovich, Jim Salzwedel, and Mayor DeVore.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Michael Burns, Deputy Clerk Amy Brown, and Police Chief Steve Bukala, DPW Director Rich LaBombard, and Light & Power Steve Donkersloot.

Mayor DeVore read a statement regarding the Council's decision to not move forward with the development of the Riverview Flats. They feel after reviewing the developers' requirements, it would not be in the best interest of our City of Lowell residents, business owners and community organizations.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole, Regular and Closed Session City Council meetings and the regular and closed minutes of the February 28, 2019 City Council Special Meeting.
- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$572,771.43.

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to approve the consent agenda as written.

YES: Councilmember Canfield, Mayor DeVore, Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Yankovich and Councilmember Chambers.

NO: None. ABSENT: None. MOTION CARRIED.

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

There were none.

5. **OLD BUSINESS.**

There was none.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **LCTV Endowment Board Recommendations - 2019.**

LCTV Endowment Board Chairperson Dennis Kent advised the Council of the board's recommendations for the LCTV Endowment grant fund.

Councilmember Salzwedel thanked the LCTV Board Chairmen Dennis Kent for his leadership and also thanked Mark Mundt, Jeff Dickerman, Sue Simmonds & Bill Thompson and the rest of the board as they do a great job of distributing the funds fairly and equally and take their time with what they feel is warranted under the guidelines that were set.

IT WAS MOVED BY CANFIELD and seconded by CHAMBERS to approve the recommendations of the LCTV Endowment Board in the amount of \$104,370.93.

YES: Councilmember Salzwedel, Councilmember Yankovich, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Canfield, and Mayor DeVore.

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Set Public Hearing Date – MDNR GRANT.

Mayor DeVore set the public hearing date for March 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for the purpose of receiving input and comments from the public on the proposed application by the City to the 2019 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for a grant for the construction of non-motorized trail improvements.

c. Police Accreditation.

Chief of Police Steve Bukala explained the purpose of the accreditation training for the City of Lowell and that it represents significant professional achievement and acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective, while reflecting community values and guarding quality of life.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by CHAMBERS that Lowell City Council approve the Lowell Police Department to begin the Accreditation process with the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police .

YES: Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Canfield, Mayor DeVore and Councilmember Salzwedel and Councilmember Yankovich.

NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

d. Social Media Archiving.

City Manager Michael Burns explained he had met with ArchiveSocial, a vendor who provides archiving to governmental social media pages. While you might think it is a bizarre task, the fact of the matter is, Freedom of Information requests on governmental social media pages are becoming more and more frequent. ArchiveSocial would be able to provide us with an archiving service identical to what we currently use for our email system. The total annual cost for this subscription would be \$2,388. The cost for the project through the end of this fiscal year is \$796. This would archive the City and Police Department Facebook Page along with the City Twitter and YouTube accounts. Funds are available in the Data Processing Fund.

Council conceded to get some more information before they made a decision on SocialArchives.

7. **BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS.**

Councilmember Canfield stated all his meetings are coming up that he will report back on: LARA, Airport Board and Park & Recreation Commission.

Councilmember Chambers stated he has his meetings coming up as well that he will report back on: The Lowell Light & Power Board and the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Salzwedel stated he has Arbor Board coming up and the LCTV Endowment Board will not meet again until December of 2019.

Mayor DeVore stated the Fire Authority meeting was cancelled this month and Downtown Development Authority will meet this Thursday at noon.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

City Manager Mike Burns reported on the following:

- Thursday February 28, 2019 we took action to diminish the showboat and it was a bittersweet day for many in the community. The good news is we are getting a new boat and we are moving very rapidly at attempting to do that. Rich LaBombard and the Showboat Committee have met several times last week and are meeting again this week regarding the mechanical and engineering components of the boat to be put in place. We also have an inventory list of all the items that were kept from the demolition of the boat and with Council approval in the future, the pieces can be used for fundraising efforts.
- The State of Michigan has a new program that we may be eligible for, up to \$250,000 for our underground street work on Amity, Lincoln Lake and Elm. Williams & Works is working with us to fill out the application and we will presenting that to you along with a resolution at the next City Council meeting.
- Lighthouse is close to having all the agreements in place for their pretreatment and once we have that finalized, we will make sure you have a copy of the agreement, but it's moving along well and close to completion.
- There was an article in the Detroit News pertaining to Proposal A. One of the issues with Proposal A is it hasn't really tracked with the economy and that has really left a lot of communities statewide in jeopardy for revenue. Revenue went down substantially in 2008 because of the economic crisis. While property values have gone back up, the revenue amount because of Proposal A, has not. We have been effected because of this here in the City as well. It looks like legislators are finally going to take a look at reviewing Proposal A. So we will wait and see what happens with that.
- Park & Recreation Committee will be meeting again Thursday, March 7, 2019 @ 7p.m. we will have a booth at the Expo trying to get input from people about what they would like to see at Recreation

Park and we will also have a Charette here at City Hall on Wednesday April 17, 2019. More details to come.

- Burns will be the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day Veterans Event at Oakfield Cemetery and is honored to be asked to speak.

9. **APPOINTMENTS.**

The Historic District Commission has an appointment opening.
Construction Board of Appeals has an appointment opening.

10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Councilmember Salzwedel stated last weekend, some of the City Council Boardmembers went to Frankenmuth for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Classes and he enjoyed it.

Councilmember Canfield agreed the MML Classes were great and it takes a little money out of the City for Council to attend, but we have a lot of responsibilities and it helps us to do our job better. He would also like us to work on “Old Business “ updates at the Council meetings to make sure all agenda items are completed.

Councilmember Chambers also enjoyed the MML Classes and learned some things that we are now applying, he feels it is worth it to attend these classes.

Mayor DeVore also enjoyed it and learns something new every time. Thanks to Jim Salzwedel for driving.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**

IT WAS MOVED SALZWEDEL and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Amy Brown, Deputy Clerk