

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:07 P.M. by Vice President Craig Earley. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Craig Earley, Robert Philpot, and Donald Parker. Phillip Kuiper and Edgar Corns were absent. Also present were Town Attorney David Westland, Director of Public Works Greg Shook, Assistant Police Chief Scott Tokach, Building Official Tom Trulley, Town Administrator Susan Peterson, two members of the media, and eleven citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the January 28<sup>th</sup> study session and regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Vice President Earley stated he reviewed White Vouchers #1104 - #1159, White-Police #4019 - #4037, Water #2076 - #2114, and Waste Water #3062 - #3091 and recommended them for payment. Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried by voice vote.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

Councilman Philpot made a motion to approve the January 2013 monthly reports, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES - Annexation Committee**

Mr. Earley stated there was a meeting earlier this week where there was some discussion about the 80 acre annexation that we have had in progress for some time now, but we have not contacted the land owner with a time period. Mr. Westland stated there was some informal contact several months ago that was not followed up on for various reasons. We were going to see if the Council would like to send a letter to the land owner inquiring about the annexation. Mr. Parker stated since it is an inquiry letter, could we send a letter to the land owners on the west side of that 80 acres to see what their position would be. Mr. Earley stated he believed we were just looking for a motion to allow Mr. Westland to send a letter to Mr. Holm to see if we can establish a time frame for him to respond to us by in order for us to know if we should move forward with an unfriendly or friendly annexation. Mr. Parker asked if we could do that for all of the parcels. Mr. Earley stated he would oppose that because there are two different scenarios that need to be handled separately. Mr. Philpot made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Holm regarding a time frame for a friendly annexation, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried by voice vote. Mr. Parker stated he would like to make a motion to send a letter to the property owners on the west side of the 80 acres to see what their position would be on friendly annexation. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Parker asked if there was a letter drafted for Mr. Novak. Mr. Westland stated there was and it was sent around January 19<sup>th</sup>. We have not received a response, but he still has about a week left to respond.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

WWTP Improvement Project - Pay Request #29 - Partial Payment #10 to Thieneman Construction - \$167,269.99 (\$158,906.50 to Contractor, \$8,363.59 to retainage) and forward to SRF for payment - Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Pay Request #29, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

Approve Pay Request #1 - Chem Check, Inc. - \$102,600 for demolition of Old Grade School Building and forward to County for payment - Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Pay Request #1, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried with three ayes on roll call vote.

Interlocal Agreement for Consolidation of Emergency Dispatching with Lake County Sheriff's Department - Councilman Parker made a motion to table the Interlocal Agreement until February 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss it further at the study session and bring it up again at the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried by voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approve Redevelopment Bonds - Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the Redevelopment Bonds, seconded by Councilman Philpot and carried by voice vote.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-President Earley announced the following meetings - next regular Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. with a study session at 6:30 P.M., the Lowell Police Commission will meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting of the Plan Commission will be on Tuesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

### **MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Melanie Csepiga, The Times, asked for an update on the Old Grade School demolition and what the plans were for that lot when the building is gone. Mr. Trulley stated the building is over half down and they hope to have the foundation out by the middle of next week. After that they will start removing the black top and the storage tank. Once that is done they will start doing the excavating and take the soil that is there for backfill. Currently our plan is to plant grass when it is done. Ms. Csepiga asked how large the lot is. Mr. Trulley stated it is just under one acre.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions or comments, Councilman Parker made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM, seconded by Councilman Philpot, and carried by voice vote.

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Craig Earley, Vice President

Attest:

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Judith Walters  
Clerk-Treasurer