

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. by President Christopher Salatas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Craig Earley, LeAnn Angerman, Donald Parker, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Town Attorney David Westland, Police Chief Erik Matson, Public Works Director Greg Shook, Building Administrator Tom Trulley, SEH Representative Craig Hendrix, two members of the media, and ten citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the October 12, 2015 regular meeting and work session, and the October 19, 2015 work session, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Salatas stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #2077 - #2106, White-Police #4234 - #4245, Water #2718- #2740, Waste Water #3574 - #3597, and Stormwater Utility #5140 - #5142. Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Earley and carried with five ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2015-27 - Additional Appropriation - Police Grant Hours - \$7,866.22 - Councilman Corns made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-27 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

Resolution #2015-16 - amend Resolution for temporary loan for street garage loan - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve Resolution #2015-16, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

1st & 2nd readings-

Ordinance #2015-30 - stop sign intersections Langen Street - Attorney Westland stated that unless the Council agrees unanimously on suspending the rules for all three ordinances, they would need to suspend the rules for each ordinance as they are addressed. Councilman Earley made a motion to suspend the rules for all three Ordinances listed, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried with five ayes. Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2015-30 by name and title only, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman. Councilman Corns stated he did not believe that a stop sign needed to be on every street corner and suggested alternating them. Police Chief Erik Matson stated there have been multiple complaints from the homeowners in that area and that Navajo Trail is the same way. There are multiple bus stops there, and it is for the safety of the kids in the neighborhood. This is just a recommendation, the Council can do as they see fit. The motion carried by roll call vote with five ayes. Councilwoman Angerman made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-30 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

Ordinance #2015-31 - amending 155.104 Permanent Sign Standards - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2015-31 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes. Councilman Parker made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-31 by name and title only, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

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Ordinance #2015-32 - amending Chapter 155.103 Temporary Sign Standards - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2015-32 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes. Councilman Corns made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2015-32 by name and title only, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried by roll call vote with five ayes. Councilman Parker made a motion to set the rules back in to place, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with five ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Act on agreement for additional \$7,311.25 for professional services for Town Standards - SEH - Mr. Hendrix stated in February of last year, there was an agreement signed between SEH and the Town Council for SEH to revise the Town Standards which was stated as not to exceed \$10,000. He stated they figured the bill on an hourly rate, not knowing what the total would be, and once we started the project we realized it was much bigger than we thought with ordinance revisions and digital copies. Mr. Hendrix stated he had talked to Council President Salatas about adding \$5,000 to the agreement, which he agreed to verbally. The final amount that exceeded the original \$10,000 is \$7,311.25. Mr. Hendrix asked the Council to consider paying the difference, but stated that he had made the decision to continue with the work, so if the Council decided not to pay the extra, he would understand. Councilman Parker made a motion to pay the additional \$7,311.25, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried by roll call vote four to one with Councilman Earley voting nay.

Approve 5-year Capital Plan for Water Utility - Mr. Hendrix stated this plan is required as part of the bond issue and includes the Stage 1 projects, the north loop project, one of the clarifiers at the plant, and the aerator at the plant. He explained that they would be using some of the money that the Town already has on-hand on top of the bond money. President Salatas stated the understanding is that the plan is to help with our bond rating as well as maximizing the gain on our initial project. Mr. Hendrix stated that was correct. Councilwoman Angerman asked if the \$250,000 for the clarifier was only for one. Public Works Director Greg Shook stated due to some quotes that he had received, they decided to only do one within the five years rather than both. Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the 5-year Capital Plan for the Water Utility, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried by roll call vote four to one with Councilman Earley voting nay.

Appoint members to Lowell Building Corporation - Councilman Corns made a motion to appoint Greg Shook, Frank Lovely, and Gena Knapp as the members, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

Approve Pay Request from Commonwealth Engineers for right-of-way engineering - \$14,950 - for Rt. 2 Curb and Sidewalk Project and forward to INDOT for 80% reimbursement - Councilman Earley made a motion to approve the pay request as listed, seconded by Councilman Parker and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Salatas announced that the next regular meeting would be November 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. and that this meeting included a public hearing on Ordinance #2015-28, Water Rate Ordinance, and a public hearing on Ordinance #2015-29, Water Tap Charges.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Johnston, Lowell Tribune, stated that she was resigning from her position and that this would be her last meeting. She thanked the Council for all of their help over the years.

John Russell, 418 Commanche, asked if anything was going to be done about Holtz Road. Director Shook stated he did not have any numbers yet, but that the paving companies have stated that it will be too late to get it done this year. We will be looking in to paving it next spring.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Corns made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 P.M., seconded by Councilman Parker and carried with five ayes.

Christopher Salatas, President

Attest:

Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer