

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:03 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 Michael Gruszka, LeAnn Angerman, Will Farrellbegg, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Town Attorney David Westland, Police Chief Erik Matson, Town Manager Jeff Sheridan, Public Works Director Greg Shook, Building Administrator Carl Ferro, and nine interested citizens.

TREASURER'S REPORT - June 2016

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to approve the June 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Corns made a motion to approve the June 27th work session, executive session, and regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Salatas stated he had reviewed White Vouchers #1738 - #1811, White-Police #4138 - #4142; Water #2452 - #2508, Waste Water #3379 - #3421, and Stormwater Utility #5087 - #5093. Councilman Grusaka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with five ayes.

MONTHLY REPORTS - May 2016

Councilwoman Angerman made a motion to approve the June 2016 Monthly Reports, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

2nd reading - Ordinance #2016-15 - Additional Appropriation - General TR301 Professional Services - \$50,000 - Councilman Corns made a motion to approve Ordinance #2016-15 by name and title only, seconded by Councilman Farrellbegg and carried by roll call vote with five ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Works Department Update - No update was given.

Water Improvement Project:

Wellhouse - Approve Pay Request #1 to Austgen Equipment - \$176,317 less retainage and Voucher #2509 - Councilman Farrellbegg mover to approve Pay Request #1 to Austgen Equipment, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Well #9 - Approve Pay Request #2 to Ortman Drilling - \$9500 less retainage and Voucher #2510 - Councilman Farrellbegg moved to approve Pay Request #2 to Ortman Drilling, seconded by Councilman Corns and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Tabled from previous meetings:

4/11 Resolution #2016-06 - adopting Uniform Internal Control Standards - remains tabled
5/09 Ordinance #2016-04 - Parental Responsibility of School Attendance of Minor Children - remains tables
5/23 Ordinance #2016-14 - amend Chapter 155 - Living Space

NEW BUSINESS

The following items were acted on that were not part of the agenda:

Accept letter of resignation from Police Commission - Councilman Corns accepted the resignation from Rick Cooper from the Police Commission, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Councilman Farrellbegg moved to advertise for the position for two weeks, seconded by Councilwoman Angerman and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

President Salatas asked for a motion to direct the Clerk-Treasurer to pay a claim to Mr. Sheridan for \$40.00 to reimburse for a golf game during a conference. Councilwoman Angerman moved to approve the payment of the claim, seconded by Councilman Corns. Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated she had sent an email to the council members over a month ago about the need, per the State Board of Accounts, for the Town to establish an Ordinance for the promotion of town business that will cover this type of expense, and reminded the Council she did not get a response and that is why it has not been listed for payment. Attorney Westland stated it could be acted on by motion as Mr. Sheridan's contract has an expense account, but did understand the concern of Mrs. Walters. Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated an Ordinance would clarify for future expenses and she did not feel the taxpayers should be paying for golf games. Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Westland will prepare a simple Ordinance. The motion to approve the voucher carried with four ayes, one nay on roll call vote. Councilman Farrellbegg voting nay.

Councilman Corns informed the Council that he had met with INDOT on State Road 2 and had pointed out many rough spots along the pavement and water standing.

Councilman Farrellbegg stated as the representative on NIRPC, he has been appointed to an environmental policy committee, and out reach committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Salatas announced that the next regular meeting would be Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Farrellbegg made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes.

Attest:

Christopher Salatas, President

Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer

