

LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

A work session of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 P.M., by President Christopher Salatas. Members present were Craig Earley, LeAnn Angerman, Donald Parker, Christopher Salatas, and Edgar Corns. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters, Town Attorney David Westland, Public Works Director Greg Shook, Building Administrator Tom Trulley, one member of the press, and four interested citizens. The purpose of the work session was General Town Business.

President Salatas stated there were several items to be discussed. He asked what is the next step in the purchase of the property for the new street garage facility. Attorney Westland stated the next step would be to have SEH give us a cost in constructing a facility. He stated all the title work is complete and the seller is interested in getting the property sold. President Salatas stated we have the money to purchase the property. Clerk-Treasurer Walters stated no, the purchase of the property is to come out of bond proceeds, but we could do a temporary loan from Sewer Improvement Fund to move the project along, and then pay back at bond closing. She stated a Resolution to approve the temporary loan would have to be approved at the next meeting. The purchase price of the property is \$240,000. Attorney Westland has a resolution prepared tonight to give authorization to President Salatas to sign all documents at the sale, but the closing couldn't be scheduled until after the money is available.

President Salatas stated the Council needs to make a decision on the logo design for the water tower. Discussion followed on just using the Town of Lowell logo like the other towers or adding Freedom Park, and what side of tower to add logo to. It was decided to use the Town logo with Freedom Park listed under in small print on the west side of tower. A copy of the Town logo will be sent to Craig Hendrix of SEH to design a logo and ask for a price on one side of tower and/or both sides of tower.

President Salatas stated he was very interested to see how the water rate increase study went from 25% to 35%. Councilman Earley stated the study also included an increase on hydrant and sprinkler fees and didn't recall us talking about that. He stated that will be a large increase to our commercial customers. The Council had also discussed increasing the water tap/connection fee. It was noted Mr. Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group will be present at the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss.

President Salatas also stated that he would like the Town to explore a Park Impact fee.

Councilman Earley asked for an update on the firearms ordinance. Mr. Earley stated he has sent suggestions to all council members and Attorney Westland and had not heard back anything. He thought the subject would be brought back up at a work session.

Attorney Westland stated he had not done much work on the revisions because he was not sure

what was the Council preference, and if he was to do in tandem with archery regulations. He stated there was also discussion at the work session to include no firearms in the Town Hall building, and didn't know if they wanted to include that in the firearm's ordinance or a separate ordinance. Councilman Earley disagreed with an ordinance to prohibit firearms in the Town Hall because he felt there were other ways to make the building more safe, such as bullet proof glass and having to be buzzed into building. Councilman Corns stated it is a first step in protecting our employees. Councilman Earley stated he didn't see how it would work if there was no way to monitor what people were bringing into building. Councilman Parker stated it helps the same way a speed limit sign works, it give you the authority to write a citation. He stated he agreed if a person wants to bring a gun into building we can't stop them, but we can post on door that no guns are allowed. It helps keep the honest person, honest and agreed it is a first step. Councilman Earley stated a sign doesn't stop a person. Councilman Parker stated Councilman Earley's suggest to secure the building were cost prohibited.

The work session adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

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Christopher Salatas, President

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Judith Walters  
Clerk-Treasurer