

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:07 P.M. by President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Judith Walters called the roll. Members present were Todd Angerman, Michael Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Also present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief James Woestman, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland. Also present was one member of the press, and two interested citizens present, and Engineer Jon Borgers from Wessler Engineering present via Zoom.

TREASURER'S REPORT - October 2022

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yelkich made a motion to approve the regular meeting and work session minutes from October 24th, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he had reviewed the following vouchers: White Vouchers #11213 - #11281, White- Police - #1151-#1160, Water #2272-#2276, Waste Water #4789- #4846, and Stormwater Utility #6142 - #6151. Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the vouchers as listed, seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1st reading - Ordinance #2022-25 - Chapter 92 - Prohibition on the retail sale of dogs/cats by Pet Shops - Councilman Alessia moved to hold Ordinance #2022-25 over for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

1st reading - Ordinance #2022-26 - Additional Appropriation - PO Grant hours - \$7,280.00 - Councilman Gruszka moved to hold Ordinance #2022-26 for a second reading, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP Improvements - Approve Pay Request #1 \$40,388.00 and Pay Request #2 - \$290,291.00 to Bowen Engineering, less retainage and Approval of Voucher #4841 to Bowen Engineering for \$314,145.05 - Councilman Alessia moved to approve Pay Request #1 and Pay Request #2 to Bowen Engineering, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Councilman Tucker moved to approve Voucher #4842 to Bowen Engineering in the amount of \$314,145.05, seconded by Councilman Gruszka and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Enter into updated land usage agreement with Al & Sue Bachman - An agreement with Al and Susan Bachman for use of a portion of their property to manage leaves by the Street Department, was approved on motion by Councilman Alessia, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing - amend Long Term Control Plan - President Angerman opened the Public Hearing. Town Manager Hendrix stated - The Town of Lowell owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant located at 7505 Belshaw Road, Lowell, Indiana. Lowell was required by its NPDES permit to complete a Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) for the purposes of controlling discharges from its Combined Sewer System (CSS). The LTCP describes Lowell's plans for implementation and the process used to determine appropriate long-term Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) controls. Amendments are proposed from time to time to keep the LTCP current with the plan's progress. Proposed amendments are submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for approval. The public is given the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment(s) prior to submittal and acceptance by IDEM. Public notice was provided according to statutory noticing requirements and copies were made available at Lowell Town Hall and on the Lowell Town website. The attached LTCP Implementation Schedule (Summary) summarizes the status of the plan to date and the proposed amendments. The Lowell engineering team would be happy to address any questions, comments or concerns of the public at this time. There being no public comments, President Angerman closed the Public Hearing.

Added to Agenda:

Investment Policy Statement for Sale of Water Utility Funds - Discussed during the work session, Councilman Yelkich moved to instruct Attorney Westland to draft a resolution accepting Peoples Bank Investment Policy

Statement, contingent upon Barnes & Thornburg's legal opinion, as its contents being acceptable as Town of Lowell investment options. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Angerman announced the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 28th, at 7:00 P.M.

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Abraham, Lowell Tribune, asked for copies of the Ordinances acted on, and asked about the Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Hendrix stated there is an Executive Summary on line, and could answer any questions after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Councilman Tucker made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 P.M., seconded by Councilman Alessia and carried with five ayes.



Todd Angerman, President

Attest:



Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer