

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Todd Angerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence. Clerk-Treasurer Jill Murr called the roll. The members present were Todd Angerman, Mike Gruszka, John Alessia, Shane Tucker, and John Yelkich. Staff present were Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Police Chief Jim Woestman, GIS Director Greg White and Town Attorney David Westland. Corby Thompson, Krohn & Assoc. via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the September 23, 2024, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Councilman Alessia made a motion to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

President Angerman stated he reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #12626 – 12715 \$822,054.08; White – Police #1308 – 1317 \$5,725.92; Wastewater #5762 – 5813 \$217,593.03; and Stormwater Utility #6343 – 6360 \$29,768.27. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the vouchers as listed and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 2024-09 - 2025 Budget & Tax Rate – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-09 and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 2024-17 – DLGF – Three Year Growth Appeal**

Corby Thompson, Krohn & Assoc, explained that this is for the three-year growth appeal in an amount of \$358,130.00 which will allow for more operating dollars. Overall, there will still be a tax decrease. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution No. 2024-17 and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Ordinance No. 2024-10 – Additional Appropriation**

The additional appropriation is for LOIT Public Safety Fund-111 Firefighter \$ 37,000.00 and Comm Grant Const Fund - 451 Comm Grant Const \$530,235.07. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-10.

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading of Ordinance No. 2024-10 – Additional Appropriation. Motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-10 – Additional Appropriation. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to reinstate the rules; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

**Ordinance No. 2024-11 – Stop Sign Ordinance**

This is an annual update. Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-11; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Ordinance No. 2024-12 – Speed Limit Ordinance**

Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-12; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Ordinance No. 2024-13 – No Parking Ordinance**

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-13; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12704 - \$12,500.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 17.**

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka for Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12704 - \$12,500.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 17; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12705 - \$10,000.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 15.**

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka for Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12705 - \$10,000.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 15; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12706 - \$14,500.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 11.**

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka for Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12706 - \$14,500.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 11; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12755 - \$43,400.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 9.**

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka for Acceptance of Easement and Approval of white voucher #12755 - \$43,400.00 for the SR2 Sewer/Water Extension Project for Parcel 9; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote

**Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#1 – Nassau Park**

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#1 – Nassau Park, white voucher #12699 - \$262,978.95 and carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Change of Meeting Date**

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the change of meeting date from Monday, November 11, 2024, to Tuesday, November 12, 2024; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Chamber of Commerce Special Event**

Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to approve the Chamber of Commerce Special Event Permit for Halloween Event to close Olde Towne Square Park and Freemont Street from Rt. 2 to Franklin Street, and Library Street, and allowing alcohol in the park on October 19, 2024, from 10 am to 6 pm for Halloween Event; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

**Historic Preservation Board Appointment**

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint Courtney Allen-Elliott to the Historic Preservation Board; motion carried with five ayes on roll call.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Angerman announced that the next regular meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024.

Town of Lowell and Indiana American Water public information meeting on Westside Sewer/Water Project, Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5 pm at Cedar Creek Community Center.

**MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

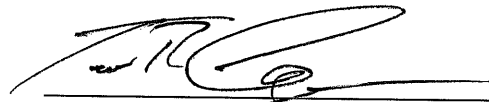
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business, Councilman Alessia made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm, seconded by Councilman Tucker and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Attest:

  
Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Todd Angerman, President

