

**LOWELL TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Town Council was called to order on Monday, March 10, 2025, 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 Assistant Police Chief Bob Hornickel, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, GIS Director Greg White, and Town Attorney David Westland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Gruszka made a motion to approve the February 24, 2025, Work Session and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Councilman Yelkich and carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Tucker made a motion to approve the February 2025 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Councilman Yelkich; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

President Angerman stated he reviewed the vouchers. White Vouchers #13257 – 13317 \$905,005.38; White – Police #1394 – 1403 \$7,991.54; Wastewater #6174 – 6205 \$182,332.35; and Stormwater Utility #6449 – 6457 \$19,738.41. Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the vouchers as listed; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRANCES, PROCLAMATIONS

Petition for Disannexation – JCB Companies – John Brill - Public Hearing

Attorney Adam Sworden presented the petition for disannexation for the property commonly known as Redwing Lakes Subdivision. The developer has had a lack of response from Indiana American Water for a water line. The developer does not have the ability to obtain an easement; he can't exercise eminent domain. The petition is for disannexation so that the developer may go to Lake County and get wells to this location. Councilman Angerman opened the public hearing. There being no comments in person or online, Councilman Angerman closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to approve JCB Companies petition for disannexation; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-06 – Disannexation Ordinance

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-06 – Disannexation Ordinance; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to suspend the rules to allow for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-06; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-06 – Disannexation Ordinance; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to put the rules back in order; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Amend Sewer Rates & Charges for the Wastewater Utility

Councilman Angerman opened the continued public hearing for Ordinances No. 2025-02. There being no comments in person or online, Councilman Angerman closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Gruszka to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-02 – Amend Sewer Rates & Charges for the Wastewater Utility; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Amend Sewer Connection Charges for the Wastewater Utility

Councilman Angerman opened the continued public hearing for Ordinances No. 2025-03. There being no comments in person or online, Councilman Angerman closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilman Tucker and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Amend Sewer Connection Charges for the Wastewater Utility; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2025-04 – Amend Miscellaneous Sewer Charges for the Wastewater Utility

Councilman Angerman opened the continued public hearing for Ordinances No. 2025-04. There being no comments in person or online, Councilman Angerman closed the public hearing. Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-04 – Amend Miscellaneous Sewer Charges for the Wastewater Utility; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2025-01 – Dormant Fund

Clerk-Treasurer Murr presented Resolution No. 2025-01 – Dormant Fund. The Water Utility Operating Fund #6101 has been dormant. This will allow the \$91,477.95 in the Water Utility Fund to be closed out and transferred to the General Fund. Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 – Dormant Fund; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Hotel/Motel Committee

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Tucker to appoint Councilman Gruszka and Councilman Yelkich to the Hotel/Motel Committee and set the deadline for applications as April 10, 2025; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#5 – Nassau Park

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Tucker to approve Hasse Construction Company, Inc, PR#5 – Nassau Park, white voucher #13315 - \$402,244.35; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Void Outstanding Checks

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve voiding the outstanding checks from Y2022 presented by the Clerk-Treasurer; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Additional Appropriations

Motion by Councilman Alessia and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to approve advertising for additional appropriations; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

Award Maintenance Facility Project

Motion by Councilman Gruszka and seconded by Councilman Yelkich to award the Maintenance Facility Project to Hasse Construction in the amount of \$5,620,000.00; motion carried with five ayes on roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting – Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm

MEDIA QUESTIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS


Chuck Abraham inquired about the hotel/motel committee members.

Town Manager Hendrix announced that the Town was awarded a 2025-01 Community Crossing Matching Grant in the amount of \$602,788.13.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business, Motion by Councilman Yelkich and seconded by Councilman Alessia to adjourn at 7:09 pm; motion carried with five ayes on voice vote.

Attest:



Todd Angerman, President



Jill Murr, Clerk-Treasurer

