

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023**

INVOCATION: Councilman Whitehead

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Chris Moore

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:32pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chris Moore asked City Clerk for a verbal roll call. Council Members present were Steve Whitehead, Eric Schein, Lisa DeGifford, Bill Adams, Bryant Sands, Roy Brunson and Adrian Flores and Kendell Stucki. Deputy City Attorney Kieklak was present. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – May 16, 2023
Financial Statement – May 2023

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: B. Adams, DeGifford, Schein, Whitehead, Sands, Brunson, Flores, Stucki

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:34PM Close: 6:38PM

Dr. Brian Mooney, 1717 Ladell, noted that we were going to use Federal Funds to pay for infrastructure projects in the City of Lowell. He expressed his opinion that taxation is theft when the government takes our money. Taxation without representation is not good and taxation with representation is not a good problem either.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONCORD STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

There is a need to execute a work order in the amount of \$413,525.00 in order to expand the scope of services provided by McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc. including, but not limited to geotechnical investigation, project design, bidding services, and construction materials testing.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Adrian Flores

Second: Steve Whitehead

Vote Aye: Schein, B. Adams, Sands, Whitehead, DeGifford, Brunson, Stucki

Abstain: Flores

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-22.

2 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM-ATTRIBUTABLE (“STBGP-A”), TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 264, BELLVIEW ROAD AND SPRING CREEK IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

In order to receive STBGP-A funding for the intersection project, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission requires that a resolution be approved authorizing the percentage of the proposed local match and confirming local support. After receiving an updated project cost estimate of \$4,000,000, the City of Lowell, Arkansas is requesting an additional funding in the amount of \$891,850.00 for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 264, Bellview Road and Spring Creek.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: Roy Brunson

Vote Aye: Schein, Sands, Whitehead, DeGifford, Brunson, B. Adams, Stucki

Vote Nay: Flores

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-23.

3 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM-ATTRIBUTABLE (“STBGP-A”), TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE HWY 264 AND 71B INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The City of Lowell, Arkansas has met the application criteria to be funded by the STBGP-A; however, after receiving an updated project cost estimate, the City requested additional funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Hwy 264 and 71B intersection improvements project.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Roy Brunson

Second: Bill Adams

Vote Aye: Whitehead, Brunson, Stucki, Schein, Sands, DeGifford, B. Adams

Vote Nay: Flores

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-24.

4 – RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GRANT GARRETT EXCAVATING INC. AND WATER LINE EXTENSION SERVICES AT WARD NAIL PARK IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The City of Lowell, Arkansas has received and reviewed a quote submitted by Grant Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$107,620.34 for excavation and water line services. The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit of the community to waive competitive bidding and authorize the mayor to execute a contract for excavating and water line extension services with Grant Garrett Excavating, Inc. in order to provide amenities at Ward Nail Park.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Steve Whitehead

Vote Aye: None

Vote Nay: B. Adams, Schein, Whitehead, DeGifford, Brunson, Stucki, Flores, Sands

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION:

Thank you to volunteers and staff who helped with Mudtown Days June 2-3, 2023.

Upcoming events: Touch a Truck – October, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion: Lisa DeGifford. Second: Kendell Stucki.
There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.


ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:



Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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