

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2018 - 6:32PM**

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

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Jacque Eakins, Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Eldon Long.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Long asked for roll call. City Clerk made a verbal roll call. Council Members present were Todd Fenix, Eric Schein, Kendell Stucki, Linda Vannoy, David Adams, Lonnie Jones, Dean Bitner and Thomas Evers. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present, also. There was quorum. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – November 13, 2018
Financial Statement – November 2018

Motion made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Kendell Stucki

Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to accept Consent Agenda approved

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:36PM Close: 6:44PM

Ronnie Breland complemented Mayor Long for installing sidewalks and making the City of Lowell safer for its citizens.

Chris Long addressed the tension and dissention during the recent election. He asked that unity be restored to the City of Lowell and everyone move forward with peace and unity.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

This is a housekeeping item that is presented each December in order to document any changes that have been made to the budget during the year.

Motion made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Jones, Evers, Bitner, Schein, Stucki

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution was approved.

Resolution assigned No. 18-53.

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2019 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Resolution was tabled to allow the incoming mayor and councilmembers time to review the 2019 Budget and then the council will vote on it January 22, 2019.

Motion made to table Resolution until third Tuesday in January 2019.

Motion: Linda Vannoy

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Adams, Evers, Fenix, Schein, Stucki, Bitner, Jones, Vannoy

Vote Nay: None

Motion to table Resolution until third Tuesday in January 2019 was approved.

Councilman Bitner brought the proposed Covington Quarry in Cross Hollows to the attention of the council. After the council discussed how it would impact the City of Lowell, Dean introduced the motion below.

Motion to amend Agenda and add Resolution Declaring Opposition to the Proposed Covington Quarry Group Site Plan to Allow Mining on Old Wire Road, Arkansas as third item.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Fenix, Jones, Vannoy, Evers, Adams, Bitner, Stucki, Schein

Vote Nay: None

Motion to amend Agenda and add Resolution Declaring Opposition to the Proposed Covington Quarry Group Site Plan to Allow Mining on Old Wire road, Arkansas as third item approved.

Resolution assigned No. 18-54.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: KJMP Steering Committee November 15, 2018.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Next meeting will be January 7, 2019 to define what sections of the Overlay District Requirements may need updating; Parking in Streets Ordinance and Signage. It was noted that the Planning Commission must make recommendations of any changes to the Overlay District Requirements to the Ordinance Committee before any action can be taken by the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Liz Estes: Lowell Historical Museum – Lowell Historical Museum will hold its annual Christmas Open House December 20, 2018 from 4-7pm. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to have their pictures taken with the Butterfield Stagecoach and Santa. There will be free tours of the museum and refreshments. Please help stuff the stagecoach with new unwrapped toys and children's' clothing of any age. The toys and clothing will be distributed by Sheep Dog Impact Assistance to help veterans and first responder families this holiday season. We will be collecting these items all month long. You may bring them to the museum Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm or Saturday 10am-4pm.
2. Harps – Grand opening December 19, 2018.
3. Arkansas State Police will be completed soon.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Long presented plaques to Kendell Stucki for ten years of service as an Alderman for the City of Lowell and to Lonnie Jones for four years of service as an Alderman for the City of Lowell.
2. Finance Director Jerry Hudlow presented several plaques to Mayor Eldon Long for his eight years as Mayor of City of Lowell and thanked him for his service.
3. David Adams thanked Alderman Stucki for his accomplishments while serving on City Council, one being the "In God We Trust" words above the seats of the councilmen.
4. Dean Bitner recited the accomplishments of Mayor Long during his service as Mayor of City of Lowell.

5. Mayor Long in his closing remarks to the council and City of Lowell also addressed his accomplishments as Mayor of City of Lowell and gave a prayer of blessing over the City of Lowell.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Linda Vannoy and second by Kendell Stucki. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:


Mayor Chris Moore for Eldon Long

City of Lowell

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