

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 2022**

INVOCATION: Council Member Steve 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 6:31pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chris Moore asked City Clerk for a verbal roll call. Council Members present were Steve Whitehead, Eri Schein, Lisa DeGifford, Bethany Rosenbaum, Kendell Stucki, Marin Miller. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present. David Adams and Bill Adams were Absent. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – June 21, 2022
Financial Statement – June 2022

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Steve Whitehead

Vote Aye: Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Schein, Stucki, Whitehead, Miller

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda approved.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: Deputy Chief J. Baggett announced promotions for Joseph Truitt promoted to fire fighter (ending his probationary period) and Victor Cozens (promoted to Captain).

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:39PM Close: 6:55PM

Eric Bolin, 202 Franklin Way: believed Lowell was not prolife.

Sheila Purcell, 12 Cumban, Bella Vista: Thanked Council for considering Lowell as Prolife. Life is the first inalienable right.

Russell Richman, Lowell: A baby is a human being. Aborted a baby and regrets it to this day.

Mr. Matlock, Lowell: You are already aligned with the state; may affect someone's election ability.

Erin Edwards: Idea of precedent...establish this as a policy; future, think about it.

Donna Bolin, Lowell: I am ashamed of you all. Mother and doctor should make the decision...about birth control, and other issues. People use birth control for other purposes. This is about our freedom.

Eric Sharp: This is not about abortion...when this was presented it was not about abortion. You might give this resolution a different name,

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE RULE AND READ ALL ORDINANCES ONE TIME BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion to dispense with the rule and read all Ordinances one time by title only.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Lisa DeGifford

Vote Aye: Stucki, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Schein, Miller, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to dispense with the rule and read all Ordinances one time by title only approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR A ‘NO-KNOCK LIST’ IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Council Member Rosenbaum requested the history behind Ordinance. Mayor Moor explained he was receiving complaints of solicitors ignoring “no” on doors. If we get a list of names of people who don’t want someone knocking on their door, solicitors will get a copy of the list and honor the names on the list. City staff will collect and maintain list. Finally, if someone knocks on your door, you can call the police for assistance. City Attorney recommended calling 911 and let them know the person at your door is trespassing if they refuse to leave.

Motion to approve Ordinance.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Lisa DeGifford

Vote Aye: Schein, DeGifford, Whitehead, Miller, Stucki

Vote Nay: Rosenbaum

Motion to approve Ordinance approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1109

2 – ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED MASTER STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Lowell Planning Commission has reviewed the amendment, and following a public hearing on July 18, 2022 regarding the same, voted to recommend its approval. The amended plan removed the proposed local street connecting Honeysuckle to Frisco Cemetery Road as shown on the current Master Street Plan Map, and replaces it with a road farther south that connects Honeysuckle to Jennifer Lane.

Motion to amend Ordinance removing south road and have city staff come back with an alternate.

Motion: Bethany Rosenbaum

Second: Kendell Stucki

Vote Aye: Stucki, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Miller, Whitehead, Schein

Vote Nay: None

Motion to amend Ordinance removing south road and have city staff come back with an alternate approved.

Motion to approve amended Ordinance.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Steve Whitehead

Vote Aye: Stucki, DeGifford, Schein, Whitehead, Rosenbaum, Miller

Vote No: None

Motion to approve amended Ordinance approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1110

3 – RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF LOWELL’S COMMITMENT TO THE DIGNITY OF ALL LIFE AND DESIGNATING THE CITY OF LOWELL ARKANSAS AS A PRO-LIFE CITY.

The City of Lowell places the highest value on protecting the unalienable right to life of every person within their jurisdiction as evidenced by its dedication to protect and educate every child, regardless of income, race, or faith, provide economic opportunities and enhancing quality of life for everyone, welcoming businesses and care facilities, supporting small business growth, and through its commitment to the Lowell Senior Activity Center which provides vital place to participate in activities to enhance the health of our seniors and provide social opportunities and a place to receive needed care.

Motion to remove "Pro-Life" from the Resolution.

Motion: Steve Whitehead

Second: None

Motion to remove "Pro-Life" from the Resolution failed.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Bethany Rosenbaum

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Schein, Miller, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Stucki

Vote Nay: Whitehead

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution assigned No. 22-39.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn: Eric Schein. Second: Kendell Stucki. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:38p.m.


ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estevez



APPROVED:



Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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