

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 - 6:30PM**

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 6:32pm by Mayor Chris Moore at the Lowell Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chris Moore asked the City Clerk for a verbal roll call. Council Members present were Steve Whitehead, Eric Schein, Bethany Rosenbaum, Lisa DeGifford, Chasity Taylor, Bill Adams, David Adams. Kendell Stucki was absent. 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 – August 17, 2021
Financial Statement – August 2021

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Taylor, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Schein, B. Adams, D. Adams, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:33PM Close: 6:37PM

Mike Mahoney, A&P Director, advised council that a new post card with places to eat and entertainment in Lowell would be mailed very soon. It would cover Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers and Bella Vista. Some of the Lowell banners on I-49 bridge were damaged in the last storm. Replacements have been ordered and the remaining undamaged banners will be moved to Dixieland. The A&P is also advertising jobs available in Lowell on the website and radio. Response has been very good.

Kenda Arensten, 1623 Lancelot, said that when it rains she cannot do her washing or flush the toilets in her home. She asked council to remedy the situation.

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

Motion to suspend the rule and read the Ordinance one time by title only.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: Lisa DeGifford

Vote Aye: Schein, Taylor, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, B. Adams, D. Adams, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to suspend the rule and read the Ordinance one time by title only passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF LOWELL MINIMUM STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL LOCAL STREETS TO REQUIRE A TWO-INCH (2") ASPHALTIC CONCRETE AND A TWO-INCH (2") BINDER COURSE FOR CERTAIN STREETS IN LOWELL ARKANSAS.

The council has been advised that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lowell, and in order to best protect and preserve the city's street infrastructure, that the street standards be amended to require two-inches (2") of Asphaltic Concrete and a two-inch (2") binder course and that these requirements shall be

included in the City of Lowell Minimum Standard Specifications for Streets, including at Appendix B of the specifications.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Chasity Taylor

Vote Aye: Schein, DeGifford, Rosenbaum, Taylor, Whitehead, D. Adams, B. Adams

Vote Nay: None

City Clerk read the Ordinance one time by title only.

Motion to approve Ordinance passed.

Ordinance assigned No. 1084.

2. ORDINANCE TO AMEND FEES FOR INSPECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL.

City staff advised council that changes to the inspection fees are required, and have determined that the fees for inspection should be changed in order to more adequately fund the inspection process.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: David Adams

Second: Steve Whitehead

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, B. Adams, D. Adams, Rosenbaum, Schein, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented passed.

City Clerk read Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1085.

3. ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM URBAN THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL (C-2) TO URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (R-3).

On September 20, 2021 a public hearing was held before the Planning Commission for the purpose of rezoning a portion of the land located at 417 S. Old Wire Road, Lowell, AR. The Planning Commission recommended this land be rezoned and recommended the city council approve the rezone also. Council Member Rosenbaum did not feel residential land should be rezoned to commercial.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Steve Whitehead

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Schein, D. Adams, Taylor, B. Adams, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented approved.

City Clerk read the Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1086.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RATE OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2021 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2022.

This is a housekeeping item; no changes from last year.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Chasity Taylor

Vote Aye: Schein, D. Adams, Taylor, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, B. Adams, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 21-29.

5. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED FUTURE LAND MAP FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The Planning Commission held two public hearings and considered amendments to the Lowell Future Land Use Map. The Planning Commission voted to adopt the amended map and recommended it to the city council for their consideration.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Chasity Taylor

Second: Lisa DeGifford

Vote Aye: Schein, B. Adams, D. Adams, Rosenbaum, Taylor, DeGifford, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 21-30.

6. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LOW-PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN THE SABRE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The staff recommended that the City enter into a contract for the installation of a low-pressure sewer system within the subdivision of Sabre Heights in the City of Lowell, AR. Diamond C Construction Company has determined that the cost for this project will be \$452,803.68. Mayor Moore and City Council approve of the need for the sewer project and appropriates the amount of \$452,803.68 for the sewer project and authorizes Mayor Moore to execute the contracts necessary to undertake this project.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Schein, D. Adams, Taylor, Rosenbaum, DeGifford, B. Adams, Whitehead

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 21-31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Steve Whitehead and second by David Adams. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Bates



APPROVED:



Mayor/Chris Moore