

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2023**

INVOCATION: Pastor Brian Clark

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 Eric Schein, Lisa DeGifford, Bryant Sands, Roy Brunson and Adrian Flores and Kendell Stucki. Deputy City Attorney Kieklak was present. Bill Adams and Steve Whitehead 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 20, 2023
Financial Statement – June 2023

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Schein, Sands, Brunson, Flores, Stucki

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda approved.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – Deputy Chief Jamie Baggett announced David Santel has been promoted to Chief David Santel.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:36PM Close: 6:38PM

Dr. Brian Mooney, 1717 Ladell, addressed the City Council concerning restrictive regulations on public buildings, economic freedom, and property rights.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion to approve the Procedural Motion.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Adrian Flores

Vote Aye: Sands, DeGifford, Brunson, Stucki

Vote Nay: Flores, Schein

Motion to approve the Procedural Motion failed.

Motion to read Ordinance by title only – First Reading.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Adria Flores

Vote Aye: Schein, Sands, Stucki, Flores, Brunson, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

Motion to read Ordinance by title only – First Reading approved.

1 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-1006: GENERAL PLANNING AND ORIENTATION STANDARDS OF THE LOWELL MUNICIPAL CODE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS. (FIRST READING)

Ordinance No. 1119 amended Section 16-1006: General Planning and Orientation Standards of the Lowell Municipal Code; and now the City Council determined it is necessary to amend Section 16-1006: General Planning and Orientation Standards of the of the Lowell Municipal Code.

Section 16-1006, (1) f. states: ~~Discouraged~~ **Prohibited** materials include vinyl siding; standing seam or aluminum siding; **corrugated metal with exterior fasteners**; smooth face block; and EFIS at the ground level. **Materials prohibited in all commercial zones.**

Several Council Members disapproved of the changes in this section. After much discussion, it was decided that this Ordinance should be looked at again and brought back to the August meeting for further review.

2 – RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID FUNDS FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission has approved Federal-aid Carbon Reduction Program – Attributable funds for the project.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Kendell Stucki

Vote Aye: Schein, Sands, DeGifford, Brunson, Stucki

Vote Abstain: Flores

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-26.

3 – RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO CLOSE THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The City Council determined that it is in the best interest of and benefit of the community to authorize the City Clerk to close the Advertising & Promotion Commission bank account and to appropriate all remaining funds to be expended on the Ward Nail Park Splash Pad Project in the City of Lowell, Arkansas.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Brunson, Stucki, Schein, Sands, DeGifford, Flores

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-27.

4 – RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO CLOSE THE ANIMAL ADOPTION ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

The City Council authorized the City Clerk to close the Animal Adoption Account and to appropriate the remaining funds in the amount of \$26,141.00 into the Animal Maintenance/Building Fund of the City of Lowell.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Kendell Stucki

Vote Aye: Stucki, Flores, Sands, Schein, DeGifford, Brunson

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution Assigned No. 23-28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION:

Council Members talked about the 2021 Audit Report.

Lisa DeGifford updated the council on splash pad. They are waiting on water sample approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion: Eric Schein. Second: Roy Brunson. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes

Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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