

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (CORRECTED)
APRIL 25, 2023**

INVOCATION: Councilman Stucki

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Moore

**CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Moore @ 6:32PM
Employees Present: Clerk, Attorney, Mayor, (roster of others in attendance).**

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

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. RESOLUTION – TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CRAFTON, TULL & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE CONCORD STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

City Council Members entered into a professional services agreement with Crafton, Tull & Associates, Inc. for engineering services required for the Concord Street Improvements Project and approved appropriation of funds for it.

Council Members agreed to let the public share their comments on this project.

Public Comments: Open: 6:44pm Closed: 7:18pm

Daniel Ellis - Crafton, Tull – sidewalks on east side: Greenway Trails on west side. Will take into consideration encroaching on resident's property; fire codes; was for 5' Greenway Trail sidewalks so people can walk safely; Master Street Plan was adopted in 2020 and you could modify it if necessary.

John McClelland – 1412 Concord – Concerned about sidewalks more than 12' and established trees close to street.

Todd Stevens – 1118 Concord – Relieved it is not four-lane road; okay with sidewalks; concerned with major drainage problem from AAO to Tucker; bike trail/ and Greenway Trails offset from curb.

Anthony Powell - 1124 Concord – Crafton, Tull did design for AAO; property adjacent (10 acres) has water draining to the center of his property; 42" pipe; suggested somebody violated ordinances, handling of waste water into a pond; How are you going to handle designing Concord; encroachment to west side of property; Will you pay fair

market value on land taken; water drainage from Apartments being built on Pleasant Grove; how is Concord being funded.

John Wells – 1230 Concord, Rogers – Engineer for local company; would like Greenway Trails; has drainage concerns; knows requirements on drainage on AAO and they were not done; drainage/ponding issues on his property.

Arianna Pascoe – 1516 Concord – lives close to Pleasant Grove; front yard floods when it rains; where will mailboxes go; will they be relocated by city or residents; reimbursement for easements for road.

Wes Wiggins – 1308 Concord – how far will you be going on west side past easement.

Roberts – Two sidewalks, one on each side of his house; drainage an issue also.

Linda Gribble – 1318 Concord – concerned you will wipe out established trees; not in favor of sidewalk on her property.

Kelley Powell – 1124 Concord – against Crafton Tull doing any work for city. They were misled as they were told a pond would be built to handle water; water is under their house when it rains; black mold growing on the walls; lake on their property when it rains.

Sherrie Moffitt – spoke for Linda Holloway and others – 1509 Concord and 1422 Concord – Concerned of lack of notice of meeting; opposed to trail.

Camden Wiggins – 1308 Concord – no notice of meeting; notified by council member; why not use Dixieland; Some are not Lowell residents, how is that being handled?

Carolyn Wells – 1230 Concord - lives in walking distance from elementary school; helps children cross the road to west side of Concord; need trail or sidewalk to get children to school; what about School Road cutaway west; drainage problems and she has spent her own money to fix problem.

Motion to stop for short recess.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: Kendell Stucki

Vote Aye: Unanimous

Vote Nay: None

Motion to stop for short recess approved.

Recessed: 7:14 pm All council members returned at 7:18pm

Mayor Moore addressed residents' concerns. This was a design meeting, not a construction meeting. New road will add curbing, guttering drainage pipe; Trees part of design process. Mailboxes are governed by Federal law and will work with

postmaster. Fair market – Required by law to meet fair market value and it is done through third party. Two-lane road 53' from center line. City is working on the problem of AAO drainage. City of Rogers has no say or input on Lowell projects; widening road for safety of children. Notification was made as soon as possible; city was given short notice. Shepherd Hills Subdivision will be building a lane in front of their development.

Lisa DeGifford: When she was running for re-election, the main request was for sidewalks.

Steve Whitehead: Could sidewalk on east side; Greenway Trail on west; sidewalk on both sides?

Daniel Ellis: If any changes were recommended by council, it would have to go back to Planning Commission to change it. It will cost about 3 million dollars to build road; estimated time would be late August.

Roy Brunson: Discussion to share cost of construction of road.

Adrian Flores: Did this go out for bid?

Mayor Moore: I cannot put them out for bid.

Roy Brunson: What is time frame to recoup tax dollars?

Mayor Moore: About one year.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Steve Whitehead

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

Vote Nay: Flores

Resolution assigned No 23-15.

Adjournment: Entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn: Motion B. Adams, Second Roy Brunson. There being no objections meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:



Mayor/Chris Moore