

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2019 - 6:30PM**

**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 6:33pm 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 Linda Vannoy, David Adams, Chasity Taylor, Dean Bitner, Thomas Evers, Todd Fenix and Lisa DeGifford. Eric Schein 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 – September 17, 2019  
Financial Statement – September 2019

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Chasity Taylor

Vote Aye: Adams, Evers, Fenix, DeGifford, Bitner, Taylor, Vannoy

Vote Nay: None

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.**

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Open: 6:32PM Close: 6:35PM

Ray Saldivor, 800 Graham Place, asked for sidewalks on Honeysuckle and that Benton County Planning Commissioners not allow the limestone quarry to be developed further.

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

**Motion to approve Procedural Motion.**

Motion: Todd Fenix

Second: Dean Bitner

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Evers, Bitner, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

**Motion to approve Procedural Motion approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 10,000 SQUARE FOOT LOTS (R-D) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).**

On October 8, 2019 the Planning Commissioners approved this rezone and recommended it to the council for their approval.

**Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.**

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Evers, Taylor, Bitner, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance passed.  
City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.  
Ordinance assigned No. 1041.

**2. ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1029 BY REZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ONE ACRE LOTS (R-A) AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 10,000 SQUARE FOOT LOTS (R-D) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).**

Correction to legal description made to update maps concerning parcel on East Apple Blossom, Lowell, AR.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Todd Fenix

Vote Aye: Evers, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Fenix, DeGifford, Bitner

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance passed.

City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1042.

**3. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO 2019 BUDGET LINE ITEMS FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.**

Budget amended to reflect \$22,155.00 for new fire equipment; transferring Fire Act 833 funds.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vannoy, Taylor, Bitner, Evers, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 19-35.

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR CHRIS MOORE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Applying for maximum grant of \$50,000 for Kathleen Johnson Memorial Park infrastructure improvements, i.e. sewer project.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: David Adams

Second: Dean Bitner

Vote Aye: Fenix, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Evers, Bitner, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 19-36.

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND CRAFTON TULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MONROE AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.**

The engineer will survey, design and bid for 1,520 linear feet of road improvements to extend Monroe Avenue, beginning at the end of the existing road adjacent to the Senior Activity Center and The First Tee and running eastward through park and pasture lands to intersect with Arkansas Highway 265.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: David Adams

Second: Linda Vannoy  
Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vanoy, Taylor, Bitner, Evers, DeGifford  
Vote Nay: None  
Motion to approve Resolution passed.  
Resolution assigned No. 19-37.

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND CRAFTON TULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT HIGHWAY 71 AND HIGHWAY 264.**

Mayor and City Council have received an agreement for professional services for traffic signal improvements at Highway 71 and Highway 264 to replace the traffic signal system and minor widening of the intersection curb, gutter and other associated improvements.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.  
Motion: David Adams  
Second: Dean Bitner  
Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vannoy, Taylor, Bitner, Evers, DeGifford  
Vote Nay: None  
Motion to approve Resolution passed.  
Resolution assigned No. 19-38.

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND CRAFTON TULL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FO DEVELOPMENT CODE REVISIONS.**

Professional services will be for Development Code Revisions and updating the Comprehensive Growth Plan.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.  
Motion: David Adams  
Second: Dean Bitner  
Vote Aye: Evers, Adams, Vannoy, Taylor, Fenix, DeGifford, Bitner  
Vote Nay: None  
Motion to approve Resolution passed.  
Resolution assigned No. 19-39.

**8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTON OF A CONDEMNATION ACTION INVOLVING PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BELLVIEW ROAD AND WEST MONROE.**

In order to install and improve streets, drainage and utility infrastructure, the City of Lowell condemned approximately 1 acres around Bellview Street in western Lowell; and after negotiations and litigation, the parties have agreed upon the amount of \$100,000 as just compensation for the subject property.

Mrs. Blevins discussed this action with the council and agreed she had signed the appropriate document that very day accepting this settlement.

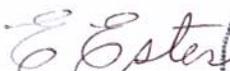
Motion to approve Resolution as presented.  
Motion: Dean Bitner  
Second: Todd Fenix  
Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vannoy, Taylor, Bitner, Evers, DeGifford  
Vote Nay: None  
Motion to approve Resolution passed.  
Resolution assigned No. 19-40.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) Lowell Historical Museum is open on the first and third Saturday each month.
- 2) Dedication of the Lowell Veteran's Memorial is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2019 at 1:00pm at the Kathleen Johnson Memorial Park (weather permitting).
- 3) Councilman Bitner suggested in the future consideration be given to naming a street/road in honor of Mrs. Blevins because she has done so much for City of Lowell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Dean Bitner and second by David Adams. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:

  
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Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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