

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 - 6:30PM**

MAYOR CHRIS MOORE, 2022 STATE OF THE CITY

Raymond Burns and Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce hosted the event and Raymond Burns introduced Chris Moore, Mayor of City of Lowell. Mike Maloney, Director of A&P, addressed the council as well. Mayor Chris Moore gave his 2022 State of the City Address.

INVOCATION: Ron Harris, City Chaplain

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 6:55pm 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, Lisa DeGifford, Chasity Taylor. Bill Adams, Kendell Stucki, Bethany Rosenbaum. David Adams was absent. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022
Financial Statement – January 2022

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Christy Taylor

Second: Steve Whitehead

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:56PM Close: 6:57PM

Casey Kuth, 603 Concord, advocated for support of funds for the Police Department. Put it back on the agenda and show your support.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. TABLED RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET RESERVES TO THE RISK REDUCTION DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION AND STARTING WAGE FOR THE POSITION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Motion to drop the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Steve Whitehead

Second: Bill Adams

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, Whitehead, Schein, Stucki, Rosenbaum, Bill Adams

Vote Nay: None

Motion to table the Resolution passed.

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

Motion - Procedural Motion to dispense with the rule and read all ordinances one time by title only.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Lisa DeGifford

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

Vote Nay: None

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS; APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO BE EXTENDED TO SAID AREA AND ASSIGNING SUCH TO WARDS.

A petition was filed for the annexation of certain territory into the City of Lowell, verified by the Benton County Assessor and Benton County Clerk; and the Benton County Judge has reviewed the petition and issued an order articulating these findings and forwarded the petition and order to the City of Lowell for consideration. Annexation is for approximately 16.74 acres off North Old Wire Road, Parcel No. 18-05674-000.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Bill Adams

Second: Eric Schein

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance passed.

City Clerk read Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1092.

2. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LOWELL 2022 MASTER STREET PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The rapid growth and corresponding impact on the roads and other transportation infrastructure in the City of Lowell led to the need to study and revise the Lowell Master Street Plan. Council Members suggested several changes and Karen will have Engineer look at them. B. Adams asked for a particular public road be removed and Karen said she would do so.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Chasity Taylor

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance one time by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1093.

3. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING A FIRE TRUCK THAT WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

City Council approved transferring funds out of the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$27,800.00 to repair the damaged fire truck.

Motion to approve Resolution.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Chasity Taylor

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented approved.

Resolution assigned No. 22-05.

4. APPOINTMENT TO THE LOWELL A&P COMMISSION - WENDY RHEINGANS TO REPLACE MITCH PADGENT.

Motion to appoint Wendy Rheingans to A&P Commission.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Chasity Taylor

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to appoint Wendy Rheingans to A&P Commission approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 7th - Spring Clean Work Day (Orion); Arbor Day - Free Trees; Progress on Saber Heights Project

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Eric Schein and second by Lisa DeGifford. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:


Mayor/Chris Moore