

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2020 - 6:30PM**

INVOCATION: Rev. 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, Eric Schein and Lisa DeGifford. 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 – May 19, 2020
Financial Statement – May 2020**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.

PRESENTATION TO THE LOWEL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Moore presented City of Lowell Outstanding Achievement Award to Chief Melnicki for his work with the fire department to improve our Public Protection Classification to an ISO Class 2. For the residents of Lowell this is potentially lower cost home insurance as most insurance carriers consider the fire department's ISO rating when determining their rates.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:36PM Close: 6:40PM

Bill Adams gave an update for A&P activities. Events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. They have published a brochure with the hours of operation for restaurants, hotels, etc. in the City of Lowell. There has been an increase of people coming to Lowell as documented by revenue figures in the Finance Director's office.

Joe Rheingans, 405 S. Bloomington, requested city council consider removing the 12-month probation of his food court and changing it to permanent. He asked for more signage such as sandwich boards outside the various food trucks; change limited signage on the road; and begin the Ordinance Committee to change rules in the Overlay District to be more business friendly.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Transferring funds from the General Fund to the Police Department Expenditures fund to purchase Police Department router and Control Stations.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Dean Bitner

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 20-08.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS RAZORBACK GREENWAY ALLIANCE.

Housekeeping item that should have been done when greenway was put in place.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Linda Vannoy

Second: David Adams

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 20-09.

3. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF LOWELL TO THE LOWELL ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION FOR THE FUNDING FOR EXERCISE AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND BALLFIELDS IN THE KATHLEEN JOHNSON MEMORIAL PARK.

These facilities would be for mixed use of ballfields for boys and girls. There are limited places for girls to practice/play fast pitch softball. The fields will be astro turf so that they can be used an hour after it rains. Council was asked to support application for A&P to provide exercise and playground equipment.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Todd Fenix

Second: Lisa DeGifford

Vote Aye: Adams, Fenix, Vannoy, Taylor, Bitner, Ever, Schein, DeGifford

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution passed.

Resolution assigned No. 20-10.

4. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION – DARRIN BROCK WITH TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2023.

Mayor reappointed Darrin Brock and asked for council approval.

Motion to approve reappointment of Darrin Brock.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve reappointment of Darrin Brock passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A&P Meeting, Thursday, June 25 at Rogers Lowell Chamber of Commerce Office in Lowell.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Todd Fenix and second by Dean Bitner. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:


Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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