

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2021 - 6:30PM**

**INVOCATION:** Sgt. Aaron Pile

**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 6:44pm 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, David Adams, Bethany Rosenbaum was absent. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present and confirmed Mayor Moore could be added to make quorum. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – November 16, 2021  
Financial Statement – November 2021

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion:** Chasity Taylor

**Second:** Steve Whitehead

**Vote Aye:** Taylor, DeGifford, Schein, Whitehead, Mayor Moore

**Vote Nay:** None

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda approved.**

Chief Melnicki presented a plaque to members of the Fire Department for meritorious service.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Open: 6:48PM Close: 6:49PM

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

**Motion to suspend the rule and read the Ordinance one time by title only.**

**Motion:** Eric Schein

**Second:** Lisa DeGifford

**Vote Aye:** Schein, Taylor, Gifford, Whitehead, Mayor Moore

**Vote Nay:** None

**Motion to suspend the rule and read the Ordinance one time by title only passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD (R-3) TO URBAN THOROUGHFARE COMMERCIAL (C-2)**

A Public Hearing was held before the Planning Commission for the city of Lowell, AR on December 6, 2021 to hear public responses for the question of rezoning lands located at 124 Mount Hebron Road in Lowell, AR. The Planning Commission approved the rezoning request and recommended approval to the Lowell City Council.

**Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.**

**Motion:** Steve Whitehead

**Second:** Chasity Taylor

**Vote Aye:** Schein, DeGifford, Taylor, Whitehead, Mayor Moore

Vote Nay: None

City Clerk read the Ordinance one time by title only.

Motion to approve Ordinance passed.

Ordinance assigned No. 1091.

**2. RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND PRESCRIBING THE METHOD OF SELLING THE EQUIPMENT.**

The equipment is no longer of use to the Police Department and should be disposed of as surplus property.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, Schein, Whitehead, Mayor Moore

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution approved.

Resolution assigned No. 21-39.

**3. RESOLUTION TO AMMEND THE 2021 BUDGET TO REFLECT ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE YEAR 2021.**

Adjustments to be made to the 2021 Budget in order to reconcile differences between projected revenues and expenditures and actual activity.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Steve Whitehead

Second: Chasity Taylor

Vote Aye: Schein, Taylor, DeGifford, Whitehead, Mayor Moore

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented approved.

Resolution assigned No. 21-40.

**4. 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.**

The 2022 Budget to be amended to transfer funds out of the General Fund reserves in the amount of \$29,944.00 and put it into the risk Reduction department line item, which funds are needed for the purpose of increasing the existing and starting wage for the position of Building Inspector to \$48,162.00.

Motion to Table Resolution.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Eric Schein

Vote Aye: Whitehead, Schein, DeGifford, Taylor, Mayor Moore

Vote Nay: None

Motion to Table Resolution passed.

**5. RESOLUTION TO CREATE A PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED IN THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC AND SETTING FORTH AMOUNTS AND PARAMETERS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH PAY AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET TO FUND THE PREMIUM PAY AMOUNTS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL ARKANSAS.**

It is believed that it is fitting and proper to augment the wages of the Lowell employees who worked through the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic with premium pay and amend the 2021 Budget to appropriate funds for such.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Lisa DeGifford

Second: Chasity Taylor  
Vote Aye: DeGifford, Taylor, Whitehead  
Abstain: Schein  
Vote Nay: None  
Motion to approve the Resolution failed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Merry Christmas

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Steve Whitehead and second by Eric Schein. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:

  
Mayor/Chris Moore

City of Lowell

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