

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 20, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:32PM by **Mayor Long** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by **Councilwoman Lasater**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Lowell Girl Scout Troup 5197 (Peggy Hunter, Leader)**

**ROLL CALL:** **Mayor Long** asked for roll call. City Clerk made a verbal roll call. Council Members present were: **Thomas Evers, Eric Schein, Janette Lasater, Kendell Stucki, Dean Bitner, Ronnie Breland, Keith Williams, Connor Jones**. No one was absent. There was quorum. **Deputy Attorney Kieklak** was also present. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes. (Eric Schein arrived at the meeting at 6:54PM.)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – April 15, 2014**  
**Financial Statement – April, 2014**

**Motion was made to approve Consent Agenda.**

**Motion:** Dean Bitner

**Second:** Kendell Stucki

**Voice Vote Aye:** Unanimous

**Voice Vote Nay:** None

**Motion to accept Consent Agenda was approved.**

**PUBLIC FORUM:**           **OPEN: 6:40PM**   **CLOSE: 6:40PM** (No one from the public spoke.)

**BOND DISCUSSION – KEVIN FAUGHT, STEPHENS, INC.** – A presentation was made for a Capital Improvement Sales Tax Financing bond which will have to be submitted to the public for approval sometime in the future. The presentation has been included with these minutes. Some of the projects could be the new fire station and various Kathleen Johnson Memorial projects. Consideration could be given to combining other city debt into a bond issue.

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.       ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 204 AND ORDINANCE NO. 858, AND ORDINANCE NO. 869 TO AMEND THE CITY OF LOWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 24, ARTICLE II, PARK RULES, SECTION 24-19, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

The amendment would take into consideration recent changes during the past voting cycle regarding county alcohol laws. Recent changes in state law provided opportunities that may be of interest on the city's behalf.

**Motion was made to suspend the rule and place Ordinance on second reading by title only.**

**Motion:** Dean Bitner

**Second:** Connor Jones

**Vote Aye:** Schein, Stucki, Bitner, Williams, Jones

**Vote Present:** Lasater

**Vote Nay:** Breland, Evers

**Motion to suspend the rule and place Ordinance second reading by title only was not approved.**

**Deputy Attorney read the Ordinance in its entirety.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. RESOLUTION – DECLARING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND PRESCRIBING THE METHOD OF SELLING THE EQUIPMENT.**

Items in the Parks and Streets Department are no longer usable by the City of Lowell.

**Motion was made to approve the Resolution as presented.**

**Motion: Keith Williams**

**Second: Connor Jones**

**Vote Aye: Jones, Evers, Breland, Lasater, Williams, Bitner, Stucki, Schein**

**Vote Nay: None**

**Motion to approve the Resolution as presented was approved.**

**Resolution was assigned No. 14-16.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Finance Committee has not met.

Ordinance Committee has not met.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mudtown Festival – May 30-31, 2014 – Volunteers are needed.

Annual Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast will be served at the fire station at Mudtown Festival.

Dixieland Sewer Extension Update – It will be June before an update is ready; hope to bid in July.

Lowell Trail Head – Groundbreaking was held May 16<sup>th</sup> for Lowell's portion of the Greenway Trails.

Matt Bailey introduced Debbie Jones, Lowell's new Code Compliance Officer.

Brent Myers, JP – Benton County proposes millage for all Benton County residents to pay for ambulance service for residents in outlying areas. It will be put to a vote at the general election in the fall.

June 6 & 7 – City-wide Garage Sale; rain dates will be June 20 & 21.

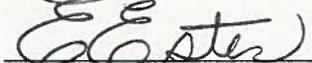
Arkansas Municipal League Conference this summer.

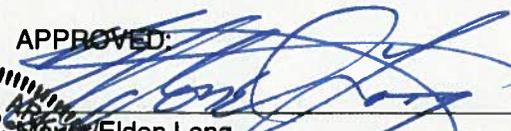
Mayor Long met with recipients of the Veteran Medal of Honor sponsored by Wal-Mart. He will donate the cards to the Lowell Historical Museum.

**Councilwoman Lasater called for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Began 7:18PM; Ended 7:43PM – No decision**

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lasater and second was made by Councilman Breland. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.**

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes

APPROVED:   
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Mayor/Eldon Long



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