

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2015 - 6:30PM**

**SWEARING IN OF ALDERMEN:** Mayor Long held a swearing ceremony for new aldermen, David Adams and re-elected aldermen Kendall Stucki and Connor Jones.

**CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:34PM by **Mayor Long** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by **Councilman Dean Bitner**.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mayor Long**.

**ROLL CALL:** **Mayor Long** asked for roll call. City Clerk made a verbal roll call. Council Members present were: **Thomas Evers, Lonnie Jones, David Adams, Kendell Stucki, Keith Williams, Dean Bitner, and Connor Jones. Eric Schein was absent. Deputy Attorney Kieklak was present.** There was quorum. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Lowell City Council Minutes Regular Meeting – December 16, 2014  
Financial Statement – December, 2014**

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

**Motion: Dean Bitner**

**Second: Connor Jones**

**Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous**

**Voice Vote Nay: None**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Open: 6:38PM Close: 6:45PM

Ronnie Breland, 315 Links, Apt. 201 urged the council to become ADA compliant with sidewalks, etc. in the City of Lowell, particularly on Honeysuckle and McClure Avenue.

Mayor Long and Councilman Bitner assured Ronnie that the City of Lowell does comply with ADA requirements.

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Long asked for a voice vote to move Item 1 to Item 2 and placing Item 2 where Item 1 was on the Agenda. Voice vote was unanimous.

**1. RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE MEETING RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.**

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

**Motion: Dean Bitner**

**Second: Kendell Stucki**

**Vote Aye: Bitner, Adams, Stucki, L. Jones, Evers, Williams, C. Jones**

**Vote Nay: None**

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

**Resolution was assigned No. 15-01.**

**2. ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TETHERING OF ANIMALS, TO SET FORTH THE STANDARDS FOR ALLOWABLE TETHERING OF ANIMALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Councilman Bitner explained that Ray Drummond, Animal Control Director, asked the Ordinance Committee for this ordinance in order to be able to make sure animals are properly tethered for their safety and wellbeing.

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

**Motion: Connor Jones**

**Second: Dean Bitner**

**Vote Aye: L. Jones, Evers, Adams, Stucki, Bitner, Williams, C. Jones**

**Vote Nay: None**

**Motion to suspend the rule and place Ordinance on third and final reading by title only was approved.**

**City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.**

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

**Motion: Keith Williams**

**Second: Kendell Stucki**

**Vote Aye: Evers, Williams, Adams, L. Jones, Stucki, Bitner, C. Jones**

**Vote Nay: None**

**Motion to approve the Resolution with the budget changes as presented was approved.**

**Ordinance was assigned No. 952.**

**3. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$54,000) FOR PAYMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE NORTH DIXIELAND SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT.**

Finance Director explained this was a part of the \$90,000. The year ends and so the appropriation for last year (2014) ended and this re-appropriates the remaining amount into 2015 so we can spend it.

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

**Motion: Kendell Stucki**

**Second: Connor Jones**

**Vote Aye: C. Jones, Evers, Adams, Williams, L. Jones, Bitner, Stucki**

**Vote Nay: None**

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

**Resolution was assigned No. 15-02.**

**4. REAPPOINTMENT OF BETTY PRITCHETT TO THE LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION WITH TERM EXPIRING JUNE 13, 2017.**

Mayor Long complimented the work Betty Pritchett has done on the Planning Commission.

**Motion was made to reappoint Betty Pritchett to the Lowell Planning Commission with term expiring June 13, 2017.**

**Motion: Dean Bitner**

**Second: Thomas Evers**

**Vote Aye: C. Jones, Bitner, Adams, Williams, Evers, L. Jones, Stucki**

**Vote Nay: None**

**Motion to reappoint Betty Pritchett to the Lowell Planning Commission with term expiring June 13, 2017 was approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE** – Councilman Bitner explained they met on January 6 and minutes of meeting are attached to minutes. He set the next Ordinance Committee Meeting for January 27, 2015.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

As of January 1, 2015 Mayor Long will replace Jimmy Hendrix as the Lowell Representative for the Benton County Solid Waste District. Shawn Ingram will serve as proxy as needed.

93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chamber Banquet – February 27, 2015.

Roberts Rules and Parliamentary Procedure Training is scheduled for February 4 from 6-7PM.

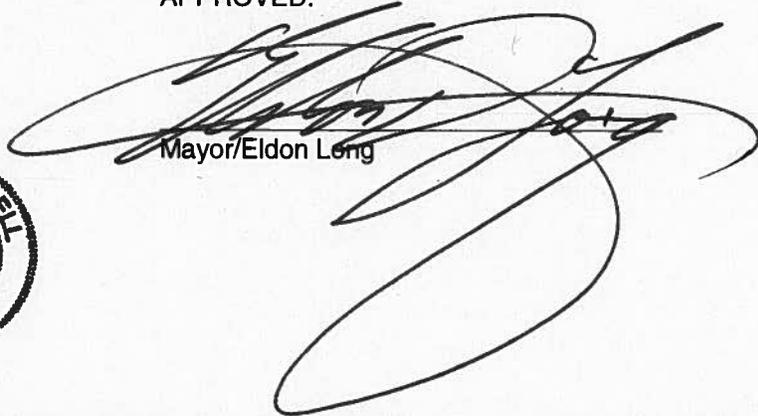
Statement of Financial Interest forms are due to the city Clerk by January 31, 2015.

Mayor announced attendees to AML Winter Conference. Quality of Life Award – Ward Nail Park was presented to City of Lowell at the AML Winter conference. Mayor Long acknowledged Karen Davis for her efforts in obtaining this award.

February Council Meeting will be Ice Cream Night (Dean Bitner).

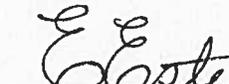
**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Bitner and second was made by Councilman Evers. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

APPROVED:



Mayor/Eldon Long

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes

