

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017 - 6:30PM**

SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR ALDERMAN BY MAYOR ELDON LONG

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:40PM by **Mayor Long** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Richard Stone.

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, Kendell Stucki, Todd Fenix, Linda Vannoy, David Adams, Dean Bitner, and Delia Ingle. 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 – December 20, 2016
Financial Statement – December, 2016**

Motion was made to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to accept Consent Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:43PM Close: 6:43PM

MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND ADD TWO RESOLUTIONS: 1) RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT. 2) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING CITY OF LOWELL FIRE STATION 43.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Delia Ingle

Vote Aye: Unanimous

Vote Nay: None

Motion to amend the agenda and add two resolutions as presented was approved.

PROCEDURAL MOTION (MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE RULE AND READ ALL ORDINANCES ONE TIME AND BY TITLE ONLY (REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE).

Motion was made to approve Procedural Motion.

Motion: Linda Vannoy

Second: Delia Ingle

Vote Aye: Stucki, Bitner, Ingle, Adams, Vannoy, Evers, Fenix, Jones

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Procedural Motion was approved.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR ON-GOING PROJECTS IN THE GENERAL FUND AT THE CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR 2016.

Projects at end of 2016 were not completed and funds were re-appropriated into 2017 Budget.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Thomas Evers

Vote Aye: Vannoy, Ingle, Jones, Adams, Fenix, Stucki, Evers, Bitner

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned 17-01.

2. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR ON-GOING PROJECTS IN THE POLICE FUND AT THE CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR 2016.

Grant money received for training cards used for public relations.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Delia Ingle

Second: Linda Vannoy

Vote Aye: Vannoy, Ingle, Jones, Adams, Fenix, Stucki, Evers, Bitner

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned No. 17-02.

3. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Money for this purchase will be taken from the Street Department Fund.

Motion was made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Fenix, Bitner, Vannoy, Evers, Ingle, Adams, Stucki, Jones

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned No. 17-03.

4. ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AS IT RELATES TO THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE LOWELL STREET DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

New bucket truck is necessary for the Street Department to continue necessary maintenance and construction of the city's roads and other infrastructure.

Motion was made to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Thomas Evers

Second: David Adams

Vote Aye: Adams, Vannoy, Ingle, Jones, Evers, Bitner, Fenix, Stucki

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented was approved.

City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.
Ordinance was assigned No. 986.

Motion was made to approve Emergency Clause.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Delia Ingle

Vote Aye: Fenix, Bitner, Vannoy, Evers, Ingle, Adams, Stucki, Jones

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Emergency Clause was approved.

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

City Attorney stated the rules had been modified, the changes were not significant.

Motion was made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Linda Vannoy

Second: Kendell Stucki

Vote Aye: Stucki, Vannoy, Evers, Ingle, Jones, Adams, Bitner, Fenix

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned No. 17-04.

6. REAPPOINT KRIS SULLIVAN AS DEPUTY CITY CLERK UNTIL JANUARY, 2019.

Reappointment was affirmed unanimously by the City Council.

7. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Present unit was 17 years old, had been repaired numerous times and burned up last week.

Motion was made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Delia Ingle

Vote Aye: Adams, Evers, Fenix, Ingle, Stucki, Bitner, Jones, Vannoy

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned No. 17-05.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING CITY OF LOWELL FIRE STATION 43.

A construction manager and construction company will be selected for the purpose of building the new fire station on Bellview Road.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Thomas Evers

Vote Aye: Fenix, Jones, Vannoy, Evers, Adams, Bitner, Stucki, Ingle

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented was approved.

Resolution was assigned No. 17-06.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

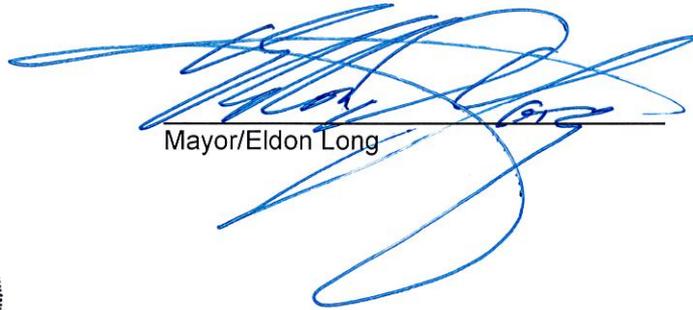
Ordinance Committee Report: Next Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at 6:00PM in council chambers. Urban agriculture, zoning mobile vendors, tiny houses, signage use of containers and gravel lots will be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Jim Von Tungelin, Planning, Zoning and Land Use Management Consultant for the Arkansas Municipal League will be speaking with the Lowell Planning Commission on February 13th at 6:00pm in city council chambers.
2. Billie Acres Update: Project is complete.
3. Statement of Financial Interest forms are to be turned into City Clerk by January 31, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn; motion by Delia Ingle and second by Kendell Stucki. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

APPROVED:



Mayor/Eldon Long

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



NOTE: RESOLUTION NUMBERS WERE CHANGED BY CITY CLERK IN KEEPING WITH THE NUMBERING SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LOWELL FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS MEETING WAS THE FIRST MEETING OF 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-08

CITY OF LOWELL, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

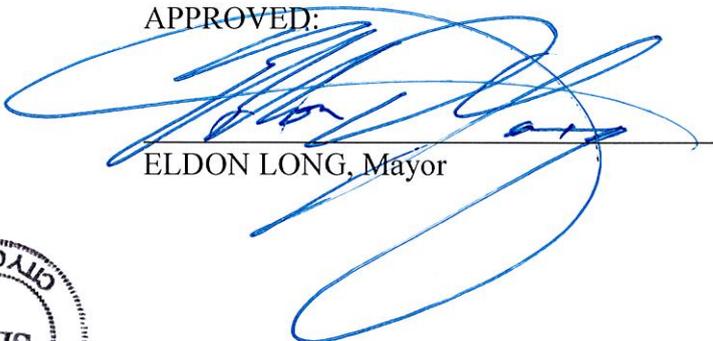
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A MATCHING GRANT FUND REQUEST OBTAINED THROUGH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & TOURISM FOR ADVERTISING OF MUDTOWN DAYS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the Lowell City Council has determined that the City of Lowell meets eligibility requirements necessary to apply for a matching grant under the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism Festival Advertising Grant Program to be used to advertise the annual Mudtown Days festival and agrees with the need to advertise this festival to celebrate the heritage of the City of Lowell, concurs its importance, and supports the City of Lowell in its efforts to proceed with the same.

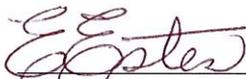
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Lowell, Arkansas is hereby authorized to submit an application of formal request to the Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism Festival Advertising Grant Program for purposes of securing state grant funds to match the City of Lowell's approved festival budget of \$36,000.00 to aid and assist the City of Lowell in advertising the Mudtown Days festival and that the Mayor or City Clerk of the City of Lowell is further authorized to administer the grant funds for the same purpose.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council for the City of Lowell, Arkansas, this 21st day of February, 2017.

APPROVED:


ELDON LONG, Mayor

ATTEST:



ELIZABETH ESTES, City Clerk
(SEAL)

