

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2017 - 6:35PM**

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:35PM by **Mayor Long** at the Lowell Council Chambers.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was given by Kendell Stucki.

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

ROLL CALL: **Mayor Long** asked for roll call. City Clerk made a verbal roll call. Council Members present were **Thomas Evers (came in at 7:55pm), Lonnie Jones, Kendell Stucki, Todd Fenix, Linda Vannoy, David Adams, Dean Bitner. Shawn Cheney was absent. 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 – October 17, 2017
Financial Statement – October 2017**

Motion made to accept the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: Kendell Stucki

Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to accept Consent Agenda approved.

PROCLAMATION – SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK.

Proclamation accepted by unanimous voice vote of councilmembers.

PUBLIC FORUM: Open: 6:38PM Close: 6:39PM

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULE AND READ ALL ORDINANCES ONE TIME BY TITLE ONLY.

Motion made to suspend the rule and to read ordinances one time by title only.

Motion: Linda Vannoy

Second: Thomas Evers

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

Voice Vote Nay: None

Motion to suspend the rule and to read ordinances one time by title only approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FINAL PLAT OF PARK CENTRAL PUD PHASE III, LOTS 29-82, 115-144 & 176-187 INTO THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.**

The detention pond and other problems have been rectified and this property is ready for retail development.

Motion made to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: David Adams

Second: Dean Bitner

Vote Aye: Bitner, Fenix, Jones, Stucki, Vanoy, Evers, Adams

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Ordinance approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1003.

2. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LOWELL CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 16-59, BY REZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-A) TO (C).

Planning Commissioners approved rezoning 2.6 acres on 2109 Bloomington by vote 6-1.

Motion made to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Todd Fenix

Second: Kendell Stucki

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

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Ordinance was approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1004.

3. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TWO PERCENT (2%) TAX UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF HOTEL, AND MOTEL, ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS AND TWO PERCENT (2%) TAX UPON THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR ON OR OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN THE CITY OF LOWELL FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF THE CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

City Council determined that there is a need to advertise and promote the City of Lowell and establish an Advertising and Promotion Commission.

Motion to approve Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

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

Vote Nay: None.

Motion to approve Ordinance approved.

City Clerk read Ordinance by title only.

Ordinance assigned No. 1005.

4. RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR SABRE HEIGHTS AREA DRAINAGE PROJECT FROM THE STREET FUND RESERVES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2017.

Funding for this project will come from city funds and FEMA will reimburse 75% of the cost.

Motion made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Dean Bitner

Second: David Adams

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented approved.

Resolution assigned No. 17-28.

5. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2018 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL, ARKANSAS.

Finance Director reported the City of Lowell budget was balanced with a small surplus.

Motion made to approve Resolution as presented.

Motion: Kendell Stucki

Second: Linda Vannoy

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

Vote Nay: None

Motion to approve Resolution as presented approved.

Resolution assigned No. 17-29.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mike Morris Sub Station Report.
2. Museum annual Christmas Open House – December 15, 2017
3. Mudtown Historical Marker Trail is in place and everyone was invited to walk the .6 mile trail beginning and ending at the museum.
4. Christmas Wreaths and other decorations are in place around the city.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn; motion by Dean Bitner and second by Linda Vannoy. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

APPROVED:



Mayor/Eldon Long

ATTEST:



City Clerk/Elizabeth Estep



City of Lowell

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