

LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**January 5, 2010 ~ 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Perry Long at the Lowell Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Little Mr. Lowell, Tyler Stamps.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was offered by Planning Director, Michael Solomon.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Long asked for a roll call. City Clerk Janette Lasater made a verbal roll call. Council Members present were: Jerry Foley, Eric Schein, Darrin Brock, Keith Williams, Marty Lathem, and Paula Allred. Linda Shimko was absent for roll call but arrived shortly thereafter. Kendell Stucki was absent. There was a quorum. City Attorney Tom Kieklak was not present. A roster of all others in attendance is filed with these minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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After discussion, the Council requested more detail in the minutes pertaining to the discussion of the Planning Area Boundary Map. The City Clerk was requested to make the changes and present to Council for review.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one asked to speak.

The Mayor reported that a lot of calls are received concerning the roads and highways. He talked to the state today and said they are unable to provide material and they suggested avoiding driving on those roads. Councilman Eric Schein and Councilwoman Linda Shimko both stated that the snow removal in their subdivisions was done very promptly.

The Mayor also reported that the wind chill factor is supposed to get very low in the next few days. There is concern about frozen water lines, people without heat. We have made provisions if people call in and don't have water or heat, we can keep three or four in the fire station. If there are more, we can use the gymnasium at Lowell Elementary. We are prepared to pick them up.

Councilwoman Marty Lathem asked if the Council was not supposed to vote on its rules at the first meeting of the year. The City Clerk stated she was advised that if there are no changes, no vote is necessary. After discussion by the Council:

**There was a motion to approve the rules as they presently stand.**

Motion: Marty Lathem

Second: Paula Allred  
Vote Aye: Williams, Lathem, Allred, Shimko, Brock, Foley, and Schein.  
Vote Nay: None.  
**The motion carried.**

MUSEUM UPDATE: Casey Kuth, Museum Board Member, stated she appreciates the support of the Council. Their Christmas open house was a huge success; they had over 300 visitors, including all of the fifth graders from Lowell Elementary who came by on a field trip. They helped with decorations again for the second year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**a) DIXIELAND UPDATE AND CONTRACT**

The Mayor stated that he always tries to bring the Council on board before the contract and the letter to proceed is signed. This is already in the budget so approval has already been granted. We opened the bids on December 22, 2009. There were eight bidders. The lowest bidder was Crowder Construction Company at \$826,877.00. We are trying to get started very fast. The contract calls for substantial completion 120 days; totally completed and paid for in 150 days. Which means we could very well be driving on Dixieland on June 8, 2010. The contract and letter to proceed has already been signed by Dean Crowder. We are waiting on two rights-of-way. He asked the Council for a voice vote approving his signing the contract and letter to proceed as soon as he obtains the two rights-of-way. Councilman Keith Williams asked what the highest bid was. The Mayor stated it was \$1,364,023.00. The budget provides for 1.5 million. Sidewalks are not included.

The Mayor asked for a voice vote and there were none opposed.

SETTING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MUSEUM COMMITTEE: Meetings are held each month on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the Museum.

The City Clerk reminded the Council that Statements of Financial Interest are to be filed in her office no later than January 31, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Councilman Darrin Brock, seconded by Councilman Eric Schein. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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PERRY LONG, Mayor

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JANETTE LASATER, City Clerk

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