

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE PROPOSED CITY OF LOWELL  
2010 MASTER STREET PLAN  
AUGUST 17, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**

No one asked to speak at the duly noticed Public Hearing on the proposed City of Lowell 2010 Master Street Plan.

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2010, 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting of the Lowell City Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Perry Long at the Lowell Council Chambers.

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

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was offered by Kris Sullivan, Planning Coordinator.

**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, Keith Williams, Kendell Stucki, Marty Lathem, and Paula Allred. Linda Shimko and Darrin Brock were absent. There was a quorum. City Attorney Tom Kieklak was also present. A roster of all others in attendance is on file with these minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING –AUGUST 3, 2010  
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**☒ There was a motion to approve the consent agenda.**

Motion: Eric Schein

Second: Paula Allred

Vote Aye: Foley, Schein, Williams, Allred, Stucki, and Lathem.

Vote Nay: None.

**The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.**

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No one asked to speak during Public Forum.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE SURRENDER OF CATS AND DOGS TO THE LOWELL ANIMAL SHELTER**

**Terry Sayre** presented some statistics regarding costs/fees for euthanizing animals and the numbers of animals surrendered during the past month. **Carol Harmon** stated she does not believe the idea of setting fees for surrendering of animals will work. She also challenged the Council to visit the animal shelter themselves. **Police Chief Joe Landers** clarified that if a stray animal comes to your home, you only need to call animal control to come and get the animal and there is no charge for that. If you were to take that same animal to the shelter, you would be charged the surrender fee pursuant to the proposed Ordinance. *[comments were made that could not be heard on the recording]*

**⊗ There was a motion to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading by title only.**

Motion: Keith Williams

Second: Paula Allred

Vote Aye: Allred, Foley, Stucki, Lathem, and Williams.

Vote Nay: Schein.

The Mayor cast an Aye vote.

**The motion carried and the Ordinance was read by title only by the Mayor.**

**⊗ There was a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.**

Motion: Keith Williams

Second: Paula Allred

Vote Aye: Stucki, Allred, Foley, Schein, Williams, and Lathem.

Vote Nay: None.

**The Ordinance was approved and assigned Ordinance No. 875.**

**b) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LOWELL 2010 MASTER STREET PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Michael Solomon, Planning Director,** pointed out road changes made to the plan since it was previously submitted to the Council. After reviewing the plan there was concern about having a road dissect the park. There was also a change made at School Street in the hopes that traffic congestion could be alleviated. Old Wire Road is also moved over. The state is undergoing a study to determine where they should put Hwy 265. The two biggest barriers to the trails are 71B and I540: how do you cross those and where do you cross them?

**Councilman Keith Williams** suggested returning this plan to the Planning Commission to review the changes that have been made since they sent it to the Council. He also stated his concerns that the City plans be consistent with the NWA Regional Planning Commission.

**Councilwoman Marty Lathem** asked if there is a planned entrance to the park from Old Wire Road.

**Councilman Eric Schein** suggested that having Monroe Street go through a residential neighborhood might cause problems.

**Planning Commission Chair, Salena Wright-Brown** stated the Planning Commission did not have a chance to consider the changes that have been made. She suggests that this matter be returned to the Planning Commission for further study.

**Mr. Solomon** stated his concern about not passing this Ordinance now. A golf course architect and engineers are waiting to figure out the placement of First Tee and the Senior Center. In order to do that, he will need some assurances that the Council does not have a problem with the change of Monroe.

**Mr. Schein** again stated his concern that there would likely be an increase in the traffic flow on N. Oak Street. He fears that we might plan inappropriately for what will occur on that road.

**Mr. Solomon** stated that the fire and police departments always point to Oak Street and Appleblossom and say that it is a “must” for Oak Street to go through to Appleblossom.

After further discussion among the Council, the Mayor decided to pull the Ordinance at this time and send it back to the Planning Commission for another noticed Public Hearing and further discussion. The Planning Commission next meets on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Mayor reminded everyone that next month’s Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This is a permanent change in the schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by **Councilwoman Marty Lathem**. There being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

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PERRY LONG, Mayor

ATTEST:

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JANETTE LASATER, City Clerk