

**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

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

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by **Jerry Hudlow**.

**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, Eric Schein, Matthew Yeager, Janette Lasater, Keith Williams, Kendell Stucki, Dean Bitner, Ronnie Breland**. There was quorum. **Deputy Attorney 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 – May 21, 2013  
Financial Statement – May, 2013**

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

**Motion: Dean Bitner**

**Second: Ronnie Breland**

**Voice Vote Aye: Unanimous**

**Voice Vote Nay: None**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Opened at 6:37PM - Closed at 6:44PM

**Salena Wright-Brown**, Chairperson Planning Commission – About an item of discussion at the last Planning Commission Meeting, we had a conditional use and there were some comments from the public about how that was announced. Of course, we met all of the requirements for the announcement of that public hearing and notification of that public hearing, but there was a question posed, or comment posed, that we really are not availing ourselves of the available technology to announce those public hearings. Not only public hearings, it would include, which is why I am bringing it forward to you tonight, the City Council and any public hearing that's scheduled for the Board of Adjustments as well. I would like to ask the city to in general look at how we can use technology to do our minimum notification requirements but also to more widely publicize our public hearings in general. And specifically I would like to ask us to consider using our calendar on the website and perhaps underneath each meeting on the calendar to put a standing item public hearing and if there is none, just say none. If there's a public hearing scheduled for any particular meeting, then to list what those public hearing items are. My thought is and you may have a better way of doing this, but my thought is that when notification goes to the paper that we would also at that same time trigger notification to be put on our website. I would ask that the city would explore doing that.

Council members discussed the various avenues of communication available, Cooper Alert System, Facebook, Twitter, emails, etc. and Mayor Long said he would have Eric Seyfried look into this and give the councilmen a report at the next council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. RESOLUTION – APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE CITY OF LOWELL'S SHARE OF UTILITIES AT THE J.B. HUNT SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER.**

The lease agreement states that we will share cost of utilities for the activity center. Our problem is that our account does not have adequate funds at this time to cost share with them. We have a bill for about \$2,000 and this morning we had \$77.97 in that account. Until this begins to generate some money from rentals and this type of thing, we are going to need to seed this money to that so we can fulfill our obligation under the contract.

Councilmen were in agreement that this money would be repaid and future funding would be included in the 2014 budget.

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

**Motion: Ronnie Breland**

**Second: Keith Williams**

**Vote Aye: Lasater, Yeager, Schein, Breland, Williams, Evers, Bitner, Stucki**

**Vote Nay: None**

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

**Resolution was assigned Resolution #13-10.**

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ordinance Committee – Dean Bitner – Met and had no citizen input on the parking in the street versus parking in the yard discussions. Matt was commended by Mayor Long and Councilman Bitner for his thoroughness in taking notes of the meetings.

Mayor Long read the letter/Addendum to the Contract between Deffenbaugh and City of Lowell.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mudtown Days Summation – Mayor Long

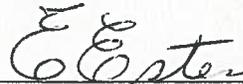
Highway 264 Improvements, Contract Pending – Mayor Long

Kathleen Johnson Memorial Project Progress – Mayor Long

Elza Tucker's 95 Birthday Party, July 14, 2013, 2-4pm, First Baptist Church of Lowell – Liz Estes

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Lasater and seconded by Councilman Bitner. There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk/Elizabeth Estes



APPROVED:

  
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Mayor/Eldon Long