

June 24<sup>th</sup> , 2024  
6:00pm  
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Heather Seay, Jessica Holbrook, Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Tyler Cobb, Jerel Mackey, Anne Massey, Andrea Nixon, and Candy Funderburk.

Heather called the meeting to order, and determination of quorum occurred at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Bill to approve the minutes from the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the addition of Anne Massey as an attendee. Motion was seconded by Michelle. Minutes were approved unanimously. The LCC did not meet in May.

### **New Business**

Scott Wilson, a representative for the Stormwater Program, spoke to the LCC regarding how this program could be more involved in the community, especially regarding public outreach and education. Lowell's Stormwater municipality designation is an MS4 permit, which requires an educational component. Many of the ideas presented involved a festival experience. These ideas included but were not limited to inviting a local weather broadcaster, arborist, or a representative from the Catawba Riverkeepers or Duke Power. And possibly having onsite a storm chaser vehicle or fire trucks. Jamie Watkins, our Stormwater Administrator, could do activities geared toward children and/or adults. A tree planting or tree giveaway might also be included. The outreach/educational event may be engineered specifically for Stormwater and could occur around Arbor Day or Earth Day. Or initially this event could occur during one of the existing scheduled festivals, such as the city's Fall Festival, Trucks in the Park, or Lowell Elementary School's Fall Festival.

### **Staff Updates**

Tyler provided the following Planning Director updates:

- The City Council approved the Spencer Ridge Development for 406 single family homes.
- Lowell Woods submitted their first building permits.
- There is a business interested in the vacant lot near the KIA dealership on Franklin Boulevard and they are in the early discussion phase.
- Aberdeen Road is open to the public.
- Back of the Moon will soon be starting the work that is included in their Façade grant award.
- Lowell Woods will include 80 single family homes.
- Sprucing up City Hall and replacing the window film at the Police Station was further discussed. The LCC is suggesting the exterior of City Hall be pressure washed, the letters on the front of the building painted, and landscaping around the building be updated. The window film at the Police Station is peeling off and needs to be replaced. These concerns will be added to next month's agenda, once more information is gathered.

Andrea Nixon provided the following Park and Recreation updates:

- Memorial Day service went well.
- Paint and Slurp at McCord Park was well attended and all had a great time. This program may be regularly offered in the future.
- Music in the Park was a nice relaxing evening, and it was enjoyed by many. Both the band and weather were outstanding.
- Gaston County's Summer Lunch Program provides a free lunch and is available for anyone under eighteen years old. The lunches are available at Rankin Park and are located under the shelter.
- The events for Seniors, such as the Ice Cream Social, are continuing.
- July is Parks and Recreation Month.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> is the date for Lowell's Fall Festival. It will be downtown, and the band is The Extraordinaires.

### **Member Comments**

A question about why signs posted in town, which are past their event date, are still up. Tyler indicated that the signs are not those of the City, but rather a private citizen had them made and posted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Candy. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned. The next LCC meeting will be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.