

Aug. 26th, 2024
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Jessica Holbrook, Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Candy Funderburk, Jarel Mackey, Andrea Nixon, Heather Seay, and Jamie Watkins.

Heather called the meeting to order, and determination of quorum occurred at 6:06pm.

A motion was made by Candy to approve the minutes from the July 22nd meeting. Motion was seconded by Jessica. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Candy made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion regarding quotes to get City Hall power washed, the windows scarped and painted, and the letters near the entrance painted. Motion was seconded by Michelle. The addition to the agenda was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Candy obtained quotes from Franklin Signs, Pennington's Mighty Clean Pressure Washing, Paving Unlimited, and CIP Remodeling for improvements/maintenance to City Hall. The LCC discussed the aesthetics of the building and the cost for various improvements which included power washing the building, painting the window frames, and painting the letters/signage at the entrance. Jamie will investigate whether these projects would be covered by the City, from either the budgeted funds set aside for the Beautification of the City (\$10,000) or Maintenance & Repairs (\$18,000) for the building. Another consideration would be to use funds budgeted for the LCC specific projects.

New Business

There was no new business.

Staff Updates

Jamie provided the following Stormwater Updates:

- The Department of Environmental Quality annual report was complete and submitted.
- Jamie continues to work on steam lining necessary forms.
- Jamie has taken on the duties of the Communication Director. No one is currently updating the GSI information.
- Jamie will be working on the BRIC Grant this fall.

Andrea provided the following Parks and Recreation updates:

- The weather cooperated for Music in the Park on Aug 10th which was held at McCord Park. Tie-dye activities for children was also enjoyed.

- Weekly Events include but are not limited to pickle ball, Zumba, line dancing, and skills and drills. All these events have utilized the Lowell Recreation Center. Andrea is also in communication with residents regarding using the Recreation Center for Home Schooled physical education possibly this fall.
- Community Center Update: The bathroom remodel is complete and renting the space will start up in September.
- The Summer Luau celebrated National Senior Citizen Day. This event was well attended, and all had a great time.
- Upcoming Events include but are not limited to Community Shred Day, Music in the Park, Trucks in the Park, Fall Festival, and River Sweep.

Member Comments

Michelle voiced concerns about how city workers and the community services they provide are doing now that staff has been reduced.

Heather announced that she would be stepping down from the LCC. We thanked her for her four years of service to the committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Michelle and seconded by Candy. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned. The next LCC meeting will be held on September 23rd.