

April 28th, 2025
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Michelle Sebastian, Bill Knox, Anne Massey, Jerel Mackey, Jessica Holbrook, Kathy Pilkington, Lyle Sturgis, Andrea Nixon, Tyler Cobb.

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

A motion was made by Candy to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting. The motion was seconded by Kathy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Updates:

Tyler shared updates for renovations for Harold Rankin Park. The original improvement project had a cost of 1.6 million and is now being scaled back to 1.1 million. Some of the changes include but are not limited to removal of bocce ball courts, walking track expansion, and pickle ball courts are reduced from four courts to two courts. What had the most discussion among the LCC was the removal of new restrooms near the splash park. Many of the changes the City Council made to the plan were because of the cost of grading the grounds.

Tyler also shared some updates for residential growth in the city.

Willow Creek is one month from its final plan review, and this will be for 168 townhouses.

Lowell Woods will include 409 homes, and the builder is Lennar Homes.

River Heights has 22 homes.

Lowery Lane has 18 homes.

Tyler provided the following Parks and Recreation updates:

Kids Bike Rodeo is this Saturday 11:00 - 12:30.

The Annual Memorial Day Service at Edgewood Cemetery is Thursday May 22nd 12:00 – 1:00.

This Thursday is the National Day of Prayer McCord Park starting at 12:15.

The Senior Easter Egg Hunt at Presbyterian Church was well attended and all had a great time.

Unfinished Business

Anne, Candy and Michelle gathered more information needed to move forward with the mayor portrait project. The goal is to reinstall and update the portraits of the mayors who have served the city of Lowell. The portraits will be displayed at City Hall. Bill made a motion to have Sports Center, Gastonia, complete the brass name plates for the Mayor Framing Project. Lyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The LCC meeting dates are the fourth Monday of each month with the exception for the month of May because of conflict with Memorial Day. The May LCC meeting will take place on May 19th.

Ann mentioned that the banners on Main Street and Highway 7 may need to be replaced. Some of the banners are old and others faded. The LCC discussed how the banners along McAdenville Road were more uniform with each other and looked better than those displayed on Main Street and Highway 7. An inventory of the current banners needs to occur, but new summer banners seem to be needed for all the roads. The LCC will revisit this in July after the new budget is available.

Discussion of having a Litter Sweep Event is tabled until the next LCC meeting.

Member Comments

There were no members' comments.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Candy. Motion was seconded by Bill. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

The next LCC meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th.