

June 26, 2023  
6:00pm  
Lowell City Hall

Attendees: Heather Seay, Michelle Sebastian, Jessica Holbrook, Joe Gates, Bill Knox, Anne Massey, Cristy Cummings, and Scott Attaway.

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 May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and it was seconded by Anne. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

Cristy shared the updated guidelines for a future “Citizen of the Year” award. After a few minor changes in wording, the meeting attendees were pleased with the award program. The information and nomination form will be available from the Lowell website. Information will also be shared in the next Lowell Community Newsletter.

### **New Business**

We would like to send a special thank you to Jim Kiser for his service on the LCC. Jim is a long-time resident of Lowell. In addition to attending meetings, Jim was a respected voice for the community and a dedicated volunteer for many of the City’s activities/programs. Additionally, the LCC would also like to welcome a new member to this committee, Tyler Shepardson.

Filling Jim Kiser’s position as Vice-Chair was the next item. A motion was made by Michelle to nominate Jessica Holbrook for the position of vice-chair of the LCC. Anne seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously. The vice-chair fills in for the chair when they are unable to attend meetings.

### **Staff Updates**

Joe updated us on development.

- The Grove Street Town homes have now entered into the construction zoning phase.
- Lennar Homes is taking over the development project of Spencer Mountain Development, since Pulte Homes has withdrawn. Because of the scope of the project, Lennar Homes will be working with the Lowell Planning Board for input. Lennar is now in the Preliminary Plots phase of zoning. The development will include a little more than 400 homes, once it is fully developed.
- A text amendment for the Industrial Zoning District will be coming before City Council at their next meeting.

Scott

- City Council approved the annual budget at their last meeting, and \$12,500 has been budgeted for the LCC to support the Façade Grant and other projects.
- A rendering for the proposed new kitchen for the Lowell Community Center was shared. Lowell Public Works will demo the area and that work will begin soon.

Contractors to complete the renovation have been selected, and work will begin once demolition is completed. Completion of the project is expected to be sometime in September.

- The City has posted and will be hiring individuals for several new positions. More information is available on the Lowell website.
- The Lowell Citizens Academy will be offered again this year. If you would like to know more about the workings and duties of the municipal departments that serve our community, and meet the people who fulfill those jobs, then the Citizens Academy may be for you. The academy will be ten meetings which will begin in January and run through June. Applications will be available in October, and more information will be available from the Lowell website.

Cristy shared Parks and Recreation updates.

- Tee ball and baseball have finished up for the season.
- CaroMont Health sponsorship awarded the City \$5500, and the funds allowed for two additional concerts this summer. More Music in the Park thanks to CaroMont.
- A Pop-Up Park clean up at Poston Park is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lowell Police Department's National Night Out will be Rankin Park August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Music in Park will be July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> at McCord Family Park.
- The City has partnered with Fit View Wellness to provide A Community Health Fair on August 19<sup>th</sup> at McCord Family Park.
- Cristy shared that as an employee of the City, her duties have included both the departments of 1) Communication and 2) Parks and Recreation. With the restructuring of positions, Cristy will now be working solely in the Communication department. The Parks and Recreation position will now be a full-time position, and the City is accepting applications for the vacancy.

### **Member Comments**

- Anne mentioned that the new Lowell banners on McAdenville Rd. look great.
- Heather thanked Cristy for all her service and help while working with the LCC.
- Michelle inquired about the proposed signage for regular clean-out dates for the cemetery. This was also a consideration a couple of years ago. A brief discussion among members regarding the current state of the grounds occurred. Cristy was going to check with the maintenance department for more information.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michelle and seconded by Jessica. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

The next LCC meeting will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.