

May 22, 2023
6:00pm
Lowell City Hall

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

Jim 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 March 27th meeting and it was seconded by Jim. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Special Presentation

Scott shared with the LCC some of the details of the [Proposed Fiscal Year Budget](#) for July 1, 2023 – June 31, 2024. The document may be accessed from the Lowell webpage for closer inspection. The City Manager’s budget process included two 8-hour meetings with City Council members and outside financial advisors. The development of this document required months of work of many dedicated individuals. City Council will discuss and vote on adopting the proposed budget at their June meeting.

Old Business

Cristy shared proposed guidelines for a “Citizen of the Year” award for a member of our community. The LCC discussed the details in the proposed document and suggested some minor changes in the wording. The committee will further discuss this program at our next meeting. Once adopted, information will be shared on the Lowell website and in the Lowell Community Newsletter.

Staff Updates

Cristy shared updates:

- Tee ball and baseball are finishing up.
- The Memorial Day Service will occur at the city cemetery.
- Music in the Park is scheduled for June 3rd at McCord Park.
- The hydration center has been installed at Bob Bolick Park.
- The work completed at the Community Center looks great. Work continues primarily on the interior portion now.

Joe shared updates:

- There have been over 90 requests for permits, so far this year. This is one indicator of the growth in Lowell, since last year the total number of similar permit requests was near 60.
- The development Lowell Woods is in the preconstruction meeting process.
- Pulte Homes has withdrawn from the Spencer Mountain Development and Lennar Homes will be taking over the project.
- The extension of Aberdeen Rd. is moving forward as preconstruction meetings will be taking place within weeks.

Member Comments

- Collectively, the LCC thanked the city staff who made the first BBQ cookoff a success.
- Bill inquired about the start of the expansion of I-85. Joe shared it is likely to begin in 2025.
- Michelle inquired about whether a clean-up has occurred at the cemetery in preparation for the Memorial Day service. Cristy will look into it.
- Anne asked when the US flags will be in place for Memorial Day. Cristy said that the Maintenance Department will begin putting up the street lined flags on Tuesday, May 23rd.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Bill. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

The next LCC meeting will be on June 26th at City Hall.