

MINUTES
Lowell City Council
Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Sandy Railey opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Those attending in-person were Mayor Pro-Temp Travis Smith, Councilmembers Phil Bonham, Candy Funderburk, Thomas Gillespie, and Joanna Fulbright. City staff included City Manager Scott Attaway, City Attorney John Russell Jr, Interim Police Chief and Captain Carl Moore. City staff included City Manager Scott Attaway, City Attorney John Russell and City Clerk Cheryl Ramsey. A quorum was determined at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting was teleconferenced to the public and the agenda and meeting materials were made available on the city's website. Members of the public were also present.
2. **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Councilmember Gillespie
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING** Councilmember Candy Funderburk made a motion to accept the agenda with the added items, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Gillespie. The vote was unanimously in favor.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - A. Harold Sprinkler – here to ask Council to consider giving Chief Scott Bates his insurance until he's 65 years old.
 - B. Larry Simonds – disputed timing of meeting and misunderstanding of the day of meeting. Then suggested using PPP money to help Chief Bates and give him time to get better.
 - C. Dwayne Chitwood – he stated he believed the policy changed and the Chief Bates should be grandfathered in with the old policy. He doesn't agree with the policy and if he has to go out on medical retirement, the benefits should be looked at a done better.

Mayor Pro Temp Smith made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimously in favor.

5. CLOSED SESSION

- A. To Discuss Matters Regarding Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(A)(6)

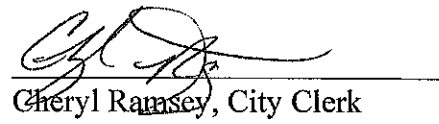
Mayor Pro Temp Smith made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Councilmember Gillespie. The vote was unanimously in favor.

6. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Temp Smith, seconded by Councilmember Funderburk. The vote was unanimously in favor. Adjourned at 8:11 pm

ATTEST:


Sandy Railey, Mayor


Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk