

**Minutes for the
Joint Special Meeting
Lowell City Council and the Board of Lowell Light and Power
Tuesday, January 24, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and Utility Services Coordinator Sharon Morris called roll.

Present: Councilmembers Greg Canfield, Jim Hodges, Jeff Phillips, Alan Teelander and Mayor DeVore. Lowell Light and Power Boardmembers Tina Cadwallader, Marty Chambers, Andrew Schrauben and Chair Perry Beachum.

Absent: Jim Salzwedel

Also Present: LL&P General Manager Steve Donkersloot, Utility Services Coordinator Sharon Morris, Lowell City Manager Mike Burns and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

It was MOVED by SCHRAUBEN and seconded by CHAMBERS to excuse the absence of Lowell Light and Power Boardmember SALZWEDEL.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

It was MOVED BY SCHRAUBEN and seconded by CHAMBERS to approve the agenda as written.

It was MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by CANFIELD to approve the agenda as written.

Yea: 9 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS (for items not on the agenda).

No public comments were received.

4. **DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT (115 Riverside Dr).**

City Manager Mike Burns stated he and Steve Donkersloot were approached by a nameless source that is interested in developing the line shack building into a restaurant. They had a meeting with that entity in November and told them we needed to talk with the City Council and the LL&P Board to discuss options for any potential to move forward.

Mike Burns and Steve Donkersloot gave some background information on the building. Mike discussed pros and cons of keeping the building; as well as the feasibility in leasing or selling it.

Councilmember Canfield stated that the location is a unique spot. He feels the City could make good use of that spot for public restrooms or something similar to a kayak launch. Canfield said if the building is tore down, it will never be rebuilt. This is a reason why he bought the buildings on Main Street Inn (so they did not get torn down).

City Attorney Dick Wendt said the City could lease the building for longer than 10 years. This would likely be necessary for a restaurant as a significant amount of money would need to go into it. Thus the reason someone would want a longer lease. Dick laid out options to think about.

There was City Council/LL&P Board discussion regarding parking, adjacent land, potential city growth, a walking bridge and other ideas for the line shack.

In summary, the City Council and LL&P Board directed the City Manager Mike Burns to develop a lease RFP for their review. Revenue from the lease/sale would go to LL&P since they have utilized this building.

5. **BOARD COMMENT:**

Tina Cadwallader is pleased that the direction is to lease.

Marty Chambers would like to see the building leased, parking will always be an issue in town. He is in favor of seeing new business in town.

Andrew Schrauben the downtown businesses are attracting many people from out of town; he believes parking is a good problem to have.

6. **ADJOURNAMENT:**

It was MOVED BY CADWALLADER and seconded by CHAMBERS to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

It was MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by CANFIELD to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Yea: 9 Nay: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

DATE:

APPROVED:

Mike DeVore, Mayor

Sharon Morris, Utility Services
Coordinator

Perry Beachum, Chair