

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting
May 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: Mayor Paulson, Gary Reese, Judith Rennert, Melody Knokey, Jim Burford
City Attorney - Milo Mecham present

Public Comments: General

Andrea Larsen read a statement of concern in regards to city control and power struggle. Pam Bryant voiced concern of City Administrator's use of Ordinance 242 of the Lowell Revised Code.

Council Comments: Councilor Rennert read a statement in regards to Public Works staffing situation.

Business:

- **Staffing and operations of the water and wastewater system**

Public Comment: Bill George spoke in regards to the lack of training in Public Works and the condition of the Department. Dave Rommel read a statement in regards to the Proposed Budget having the CA at full time position, also the need to keep the superintendent public works position non-exempt.

CA Hamilton informed council that Randy Cherry will stay on as acting superintendent for an additional 2 weeks to help with transition. CA proceeded to explain pending contract with CH2M Hill, O&M Business Group, Sweet Home, OR. CA attempted to answer the Councilors questions, it was decided to have someone from the Group come and speak with the council at the next council meeting.

- **Discussion/Possible Action on Ordinance 242 of the Lowell Revised Code**

Councilor Rennert read a statement in regards to the restrictions Ordinance 242 puts on the City Council. Councilor Reese read from the Charter, Chapter 2- Powers Section 4 Powers of the City and Chapter 3- Governments Section 6, Where Powers Vested.

Councilor Rennert moved to direct the City Administrator to draw up a new Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 242, using the next number in sequence for this Ordinance.

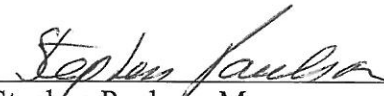
To post a Public Hearing for this new Ordinance (number TBD) repealing Ordinance 242 to be held at the City Council Meeting on June 3, 2014; and to put this First Reading of the new Ordinance (number TBD) repealing Ordinance 242 on the Agenda for the next Lowell City Council Meeting on June 3, 2014.

Discussion followed by councilors, questions answered by Mr. Mecham, City Attorney.

PASS 3:2 Mayor Paulson, Councilor Burford opposed

Adjourn: 2:05 PM

Approved: _____


Stephen Paulson, Mayor