

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: Mayor Paulson, Judith Rennert, Gary Reese, Melody Knokey, Jim Burford

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: 7:01 PM

Councilor Knokey read a statement in regards to Willy Hartwig's retirement, thanking him for his years of service. Also voiced concern about the condition the Public Works Dept. is in. Mayor Paulson thanked those who worked on the picnic shelter and helped with Parks Clean-up Day.

Approval of Minutes: 7:07 PM

- **April 15, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus with additional language added by Councilor Reese.**
- **April 22, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus as amended.**

Approval of Expenditures: 7:11 PM

- CA Hamilton responded to questions from the council.
Councilor Reese moved to approve expenditures for May 6, 2014, Councilor Rennert seconded motion.
PASSED 5:0

New Business: 7:15 PM

- **Water and Sewer Facilities Needs** - Councilor Rennert introduced topic, she read a statement in regards to the need to address the condition at the water, sewer plants and the hiring of personnel.
Public Comments: Idella Stinson voiced concern about the water, sewer plant and how things have been handled. Pam Bryant read a statement on her concerns of the CA's responsibilities and authority, also the prolong time it is taking to replace the vacant public works position. Discussion followed, CA Hamilton and Randy Cherry, acting Public Works Superintendent answered questions from the council. A work session was agreed upon for May 14, 2014 at 12 noon - 1:30 PM.

Old Business: 8:14 PM

- **Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Committee** - Chair Jerry Valencia and Pam Bryant presented the proposed Tri-Fold and Eco-Flyer. Discussion followed, concerns were voiced over some of the flyers content. CA will contact the City Attorney to address some of the concerns. **Councilor Reese motioned to direct the CA to approve and move forward with one round of the flyers, providing that the concerns of the council are addressed with his approval. Councilor Rennert seconded.**
PASS 4:1 Councilor Burford opposed

- **SDC Charges** - Mayor Paulson gave a brief review of topic discussed at last CC meeting. Councilor Reese presented printed information to council about concerns from a citizen. Discussion followed.
- **Parks Committee Recommendations** - Mayor Paulson introduced the topic, discussion followed. Council would like to see a draft ordinance come back to the next meeting in regards to the use of alcohol, smoking and park hours.

Recess: 8:59 PM

New Business: 9:03 PM

- **City Attorney Search** - CA presented results of a phone survey in regards to attorney fees. Discussion followed, council agreed to continue with LCOG representation at this time.

Reports: 9:07 PM

- **Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Committee Minutes** - March 12, 2014
- **Park Advisory Committee Minutes** - April 3, 2014

Staff Reports: 9:10 PM

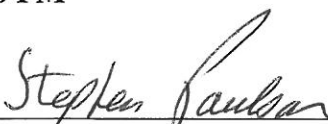
- **Public Works Staffing** - CA reported on the steps being taken to fill current vacant position. Discussion followed.
- **City Website** - Mayor Paulson reported the new website is coming next week.
- **Letter from State on Waste Water Spill** - CA explained the results of violation, no fine will be incurred. Discussion followed.
- **Medical Marijuana Moratorium** - CA reported the requirements have been completed.
- **OAR letter** - CA reported a thank you letter had been received from OAR and the bill came in less than expected, \$2,400.
- **Balance Budget** - CA reported that his proposed balanced budget for 2014-2015 will be ready for the committee tomorrow.

Other Business: 9:43 PM

- Councilor Knokey commented on the public use of City's electrical outlets and the garbage being left behind.
- Councilor Rennert inquired if the lock on the back door has been replaced yet?
- Councilor Reese questioned if the security of the Wi-Fi is a possible concern, because of public use?

Adjourn: 9:48 PM

Approved: _____


Stephen Paulson, Mayor