

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
January 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Paulson

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

Members Absent: None

Public Comments:

- Hall O'Regan questioned why the park signs are not up yet and why has the city not been cleaned up yet?
- Rudy Rennert commented on the need of fixing the web page.
- Pam Bryant questioned why the park signs are not up, why the Economic Committee Meeting wasn't posted in 'The Bridge', why is there an extra staff person at council meetings taking the minutes and why is the time for putting up the park signs being charged to Public Works and not to the Parks?

Council Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: 7:07 PM

- **January 7, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus.**

Approval of Expenditures: 7:08 PM

- CA Hamilton responded to questions from the Council on a few items. **Mayor Paulson moved to approve expenditures, Councilor Burford seconded motion. PASSED 4:0**

Old Business: 7:32 PM

- **2nd Quarter Budget Review**
CA Hamilton introduced the Quarterly Report. Questions from the Council were addressed by CA, Lucie Swarm- Finance Clerk, and William Hartwig - Public Works Superintendent. Mayor Paulson requests that the resolution for transferring of funds within the budget be brought before the council. Councilor Rennert presented a copy of the Budget Review Worksheet 2013-2014 list to be reviewed by the council.
- **Resolution 596 Revising Resolution 590**
New Business was brought forward so that staff members could leave after discussion. Lucie Swarm responded to councilors questions about the errors on the resolution. CA requested to defer this topic to the next meeting so a clean copy could be presented to the council.
- **Town Hall Meeting**
CA will post the park survey in 'The Bridge'. Mayor Paulson would like to have some timeline goals set. Topic was deferred to next meeting.

- **Timeline for filling Council Vacancy**

CA will post the vacancy in the Springfield Times this week. Deadline for applications will be February 13, 2014 at 4:30 PM. Timeline discussed, possible appointment on March 4, 2014.

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New Business: 8:55 PM

- **Budget Calendar**

CA presented draft of the budget calendar, Mayor Paulson suggested some changes in the timeline. Councilors agreed. CA will bring back to next meeting for final approval.

Reports: 9:03 PM

- **Update Utility Worker Recruitment**

CA has 7 applicants to date, plans to meet with Public Works Superintendent this Friday to go over the applications. He hopes to have the position filled by the end of February.

- **Animal Control**

CA is investigating possibilities with Oakridge , it would require an ordinance change. He still needs to review their code.

- **Fiber Optics Update**

CA reported the cost will be \$80 per month, there is enough money in the budget to cover the cost increase. Mayor Paulson gave a brief explanation of the proposal. CA also stated that the computers in the library will be outdated with the XP program, and that he may put a request for donations in 'The Bridge'.

- **Audit Report Update**

CA reports that he has a few changes to make to the MD & A yet, it is close to being completed. Possibly have the audit presentation at the next meeting.

- **Park Signs Update**

CA reports the plan is to have the temporary Public Works Employee to dig the holes this week. Council discussed the need to utilize the temp service more.

Other Business: 9:19 PM

- The Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee Meeting to be posted in 'The Bridge' on ongoing basis.
- Also the Park Advisory Committee Meeting should be posted in 'The Bridge'.
- Councilor Rennert reviewed the log for December from Oakridge Police Department.
- CA discussed the condition of our Court status, and is doing some further research. Councilor Rennert stated that looking at our Court reports, it has been losing money since August of 2011.
- Mayor Paulson voiced concern about the clean up issues around the town. Would like to see codes enforced, and community involvement. He asks for input from people on problem solving.

Adjourn: 9:32 PM

Approved: _____
Stephen Paulson, Mayor