

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: Mayor Paulson, Jim Burford, Gary Reese, Pam Bryant

Members Absent: None

Public Comments, General: 7:03 PM

- Willy Hartwig voiced concerns with comments made by Councilor Burford from a previous City Council Meeting he was unable to attend in regards to the city water issues.

Council Comments: 7:04 PM

- Councilor Bryant commented on the open City Council position and the process of filling that position.
- Councilor Burford questioned the process of Councilor Bryant's conversations with the applicants outside of a meeting.
- Councilor Bryant stated that council voted not to conduct public interviews but that did not preclude her from calling her constituents.

Approval of Minutes: 7:09 PM

- Minutes from August 6, and September 25, 2013 were approved by consensus.
- Minutes from September 3, 2013 will be brought back at the next meeting.

Approval of Expenditures: 7:11 PM

- Councilor Reese moved to approve and Councilor Bryant seconded the October 1, 2013 Expenditures. **PASSED 4:0**

Old Business:

- **Council Position 5 Vacancy 7:41 PM**

Public Comment: Ken Larsen, Judith Rennert and Idella Stinson spoke in regards to being candidates for the position.

Motions were made for candidates and failed.

Councilor Bryant made the motioned to select Judith Rennert, Councilor Reese seconded the motion. **PASSED 3:1 Councilor Burford opposed.**

City Administrator (CA) Kevin Hamilton performed the swearing in of the new Councilor.

Councilor Reese nominated Councilor Rennert to become the new Council President, Councilor Bryant seconded, with the condition Councilor Rennert approved. Councilor Rennert deferred the position to another at this time. Councilor Bryant motioned to defer this item to the next council meeting on October 15, 2013, Councilor Reese seconded.

PASSED 4:1 Councilor Burford opposed

- **Park signage 7:47 PM**

CA Hamilton stated that the Oakridge Police request signage to be placed to help them enforce codes.

Councilor Reese gave a brief report of the meeting with Oakridge Police Chief, the Oakridge City Administrator and CA Hamilton.

Discussion amongst the Mayor and Councilors as to what they would like to see posted. Concerns for the need of new ordinances was voiced. Possible issues for posting were: camping, dogs, park hours and alcohol in the parks. Topic will be brought back at the next council meeting.

- **Water Tower Report 8:05 PM**

Discussion of concerns with the report from Mike Kelly, former City Administrator on the condition of the water tower, possibly have Branch Engineering, Rick Hernandez come to a future meeting to discuss concerns.

Public Comment: Mike Cook would like to encourage the Council to listen to our own water system technicians, like Willy Hartwig in the future.

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New Business: 8:50 PM

- **Foreclosure of property at 304 Damon Street**

Notified by City Attorney John Beckfield in regards to the foreclosure. Discussion as to retaining our position in the lien process against the property. Also the need to discuss at future meeting the process in handling delinquent accounts.

- **Lane Area Commission on Transportation**

Councilor Bryant acting as our representative, gave a report on the activities of the commission. She is requesting input to identify needs of our community that would qualify for future funding.

Reports: 9:44 PM

- **FY2012-13 year end financial statements**

Mayor Paulson requested a format change in the report to include a material and service subtotal. Any further comments were deferred to next council meeting.

- **LCOG Executive Director's Report: September 2013**

Mayor Paulson is on the executive board and will provide regular reports.

Other Business: 9:48 PM

- Councilor Rennert relinquishes her positions on the Budget and Planning Committees. Mayor Paulson directed CA Hamilton to post vacant positions.

- Councilor Reese noted the need of another check signer. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Closing Comments: 9:52 PM

- Hall O'Regan wanted to thank the council for adding this section to the agenda.
- Idella Stinson wanted to clarify that she will be able to make her comments regarding the water tower and park issues at the next meeting.

Adjourn: 9:54 PM

Approved: _____
Stephen Paulson, Mayor