

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
October 15, 2013

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

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

Members Absent: None

Public Comments, General: 7:03 PM

- None

Council Comments: 7:03 PM

- None

Approval of Minutes: 7:04 PM

- Mayor Paulson made the motion, seconded by Councilor Bryant to defer the minutes from September 3, 2013 to the next meeting. **PASSED 5:0**
- Councilor Reese motioned, seconded by Mayor Paulson to have CA Hamilton to review recording from Oct. 1, 2013 and record statement by Councilor Bryant in regards to comment made under Council Comments related to the vacant City Council position and interviews. The minutes will be returned to the Council. **PASSED 5:0**

Approval of Expenditures: 7:11 PM

- Councilor Reese moved to approve and Councilor Rennert seconded the October 15, 2013 Expenditures. **PASSED 4:1 Councilor Bryant opposed.**

Old Business: 7:19 PM

- **Council President selection**

Councilor Reese moved to appoint Councilor Rennert as Council President, seconded by Councilor Bryant. **PASSED 4:1 Councilor Burford opposed.**

- **Park signage**

Discussion on how to move forward with signage of the parks. Mayor Paulson proposed a Town Hall Meeting at the Fire Hall. CA was directed to prepare a draft of possible signage and investigate the cost involved for the next council meeting. Also to schedule the Town Hall meeting.

- **Water Tower Report**

Rick Hernandez from Branch Engineering responded to questions from the Council in regards to the water tower. CA was directed to obtain previous video footage of past tower cleanings from the Public Works Dept. and share with Rick.

New Business: 8:10 PM

- **Crime and Residential Security Advisory Committee**

Discussion on the formation of the committee.

Reports: 8:40 PM

- **Quarterly Financial Report, 1st Quarter of FY 2013-2014**
CA provided report and discussion from Council followed.
- **Park Advisory Committee Report**
CA gave report from previous meeting, will provide minutes at next meeting.
- **Council Update Report**
 - A) **South Valley Regional Solutions Team**
Councilors would like to meet with the team in a work session.
 - B) **PERS requirements for CA**
CA will bring more info and requirements of PERS at a later date.
 - C) **Appointments to boards and commissions**
CA reported that there are 2 current vacancies, and 2 positions that will be expiring come Dec. 31st, 2013 on the Budget Committee. On the Planning Committee there is a current vacancy and one expiring on Dec. 31, 2013. Mayor Paulson directed CA to move forward and start advertising for vacant positions now.

Correspondence: 9:09 PM

- CA provided some written correspondence to the Council for their review.

Other Business: 9:10 PM

- Councilor Bryant moved to resolve to make all discretionary spending subject to Council approval. This shall extend from today, until the end of the current fiscal year. Seconded by Councilor Reese. Discussion followed. Councilor Bryant moved and Mayor Paulson seconded to defer until next meeting so Councilor Bryant and one other of her choice could identify line items that would be deemed discretionary.
PASSED 4:1 Burford opposed
- Councilor Burford inquired of CA the status of equipment sales and when did the SAIF make their last inspection.
- Councilor Reese requested clarification on the delinquency property from last meeting. CA was asked to investigate what legal actions the City has.
- Councilor Reese brought forward the need for another check signer. CA to bring forth the resolution of the City Administrator to be an acting signer to the next meeting.
- Mayor Paulson would like the CA to continue to look at other possible options for the City's legal service.
- Councilor Reese would like to discuss Christmas for the employees at the next meeting.
- Mayor Paulson sent the Nov. 2012 Resolution of Appropriated Transfers template to CA. Every year this is done, we need to begin work on it for this year.

Adjourn: 10:04 PM

Approved: _____
Stephen Paulson, Mayor