

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting
October 31, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: All present

Public Comments: General

Hall O'Regan spoke on cost of his lawn renovation

Emails read into the minutes: Geri Burr - Why did we need a special meeting?

LN Garratt - Why did we need a special meeting?

Councilor Reese motioned, Councilor Bryant seconded, to move agenda item #5 to #1 and leave the remaining items in order.

PASSED 3:2 Mayor Paulson and Councilor Burford opposed

New Business: 11:10 AM

- **Town Hall Meeting**

Public Comments: Susanne Kintzley voiced concern about date selected for meeting.

Mayor Paulson moved, Councilor Rennert seconded to table discussion of scheduling Town Hall Meeting to next regular City Council Meeting on November 5, 2013.

Approved by consensus

- **Discretionary Spending**

Councilor Bryant moved, seconded by Councilor Rennert to bring back for discussion motion on discretionary spending.

Councilor Bryant made a statement about the purpose of this motion is to provide more oversight over discretionary spending, with the purpose of identifying more funds that could be used for essential services such as, more law enforcement, repairs and upgrades to our water/sewer system, and the staffing to implement these necessary repairs. She also stated that we are too small to operate like a larger government - we only have 1045 people in this town. Every expenditure affects each resident much more intensely than in a larger city. She distributed an excel worksheet identifying possible discretionary line items in the Budget.

PASSED 3:2 Mayor Paulson and Councilor Burford opposed

Public Comments: Idella Stinson commented on the need for more discretion on spending.

Mayor Paulson reviewed State Budget Law and Lowell Revised Code with respect to making changes to an approved budget and the authority of the City Administrator.

Will bring topic back to next CC Meeting for more discussion and also setting up a work session.

Short Recess

Resume Meeting: 12:25 PM

- **Park Regulations**

A. Leash Law: Proposed Ordinance by Councilor Bryant will be brought back to next CC meeting.

B. Park Hours: Discussion on verbiage of hours will be brought back to next CC meeting.

C. Park Signage: Councilor Bryant and Councilor Rennert will draft a copy of signage for next CC Meeting.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Idella Stinson voiced concern about vehicle parking at the parks and Council etiquette.

Robert Burr thanked the Park Volunteers for their dedication and voiced concern with Council cutting expenses for the parks.

Rudy Rennert voiced concern over Council leadership.

Adjourn: 1:02 PM

Approved: _____
Stephen Paulson, Mayor