

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting
And Work Session
September 10, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Mayor Paulson

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

Member Absent: Jim Burford

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

New Business: 11:04 AM

- **Public Works/ Orenco Contract Extension** – CA Lee presented contract to council, changes noted. Steve Miles, Orenco Systems, System Asset Manager reviewed changes of new contract with council. Discussion between Steve and council followed.

Staff Report: 11:12 AM

- **Update on Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations**
CA reported that findings so far have been positive. The water level is higher now than in the past two months, they have been able to make water overnight without someone on stand-by, only on call. They have noted that changes in testing procedures may allow savings, and also on electrical expenses. CH2M Hill are continuing to find ways to be more efficient. Councilor Rennert requests that a representative be present at the next council meeting to give the update report. CA responded to questions from the council, regarding overtime and when the current employee will receive certifications. CA stated that 125 recruitment letters were sent out last week. Discussion regarding pay scale followed.

Other Business: 11:32 AM

Councilor Burford inquired why haven't the right of ways been maintained? CA and Council discussed how to have owners maintain their property right of ways and that the City will maintain City's right of ways. CA also mentioned a notice will be in 'The Bridge' this month. Mayor Paulson requests this item be placed on the agenda for next meeting under new business.

Council Knokey inquired of CA, how much comp time he has accrued? CA gave brief update on hours worked recently and he will be taking vacation July 7th thru 11th. A total will be in the Quarterly Report mid month.

Adjourn: 11:44 AM

Approved: _____
Stephen Paulson, Mayor