

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the July 16, 2013 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Paulson

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

Members Absent: None

Public Comments, General:

- a. Maggie Osgood spoke to staff responsibility for the Council Chamber microphones, security for the Blackberry Jam Festival and the 'unnecessary staff work required by Councilors.
- b. James Beason spoke to the plight of the homeless, his need to camp along the railroad R/W and his effort to encourage the homeless population to 'adopt' a park and help the city keep it clean.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections and edits were made as follows:

1. For both the June 11, 2013 and June 18, 2013 Work Sessions, label the minutes as Work Sessions.
2. Listed in the above two meeting minutes is the statement that applicants for the City Administrator position will receive a 'bonus' for relocating to Lowell. It would be more accurate to indicate that 'additional consideration' will be afforded those who willingly agree to relocate.
3. In the June 18, 2013 Regular Meeting, For Resolution 590, a motion modifying the City Budget was made which doesn't appear in the minutes. Include that motion.

After these edits/suggestion were noted, the minutes were approved by consensus.

Approval of Expenditures: A motion to approve the July 2, 2013 expenditures was made by Gary Reese and seconded by Mayor Paulson. The motion passed 5-0. A motion to approve the expenditures for July 16, 2013 was made by Marisa Alvarez and seconded by Gary Reese. Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business: Pam Bryant led the discussion. She strongly prefers to employ new City Administrator via an Independent Contractor contract but is willing to consider the new Administrator being an employee as long as his/her contract is strongly protective of the city much more so, than the previous contract and addresses termination rights of the city.

New Business:

1. A summary written opinion by City Attorney John Beckfield was reviewed. His strong preference was that the new Administrator be hired as an employee with a typical

administrative contract. After discussion, the Council agreed to keep all contract options on the table until actual negotiations with the preferred candidate occurs.

The Council did agree to schedule a Work Session on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to review applications received to date.

Other Business: None

Adjourn: The Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor Paulson

Approved