

**City of Lowell, Oregon  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
January 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bennett

**Members Present:** Mayor Bennett, Maggie Osgood, Steve Paulson

**Member Absent:** Jim Burford

**Consent Agenda: Councilor Paulson moved to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Osgood. PASS 4:0**

**Public Comments:** Gary Reese 237 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., had questions about the North Shore Project payments and gave an update on crime reports.

**Council Comments:** None

**City Administrators Report:** CA Cobb reported on the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, Surveillance System, Economic Development Committee, and upcoming events. Discussion followed.

**Public Works Report:** None

**Police Report:** Provided in packet

**Quarterly Financial Report:** Provided in packet, CA gave a brief overview. Discussion followed.

**Draft Minutes:** Park Advisory Committee Meeting 1/7/2016 included in packet.

**Old Business: 7:32 PM**

- **Review Sewer Fund Deficit** – CA presented an overview of the Sewer Fund Deficit. Discussion followed.

**New Business: 7:55 PM**

- **Review Economic Development Committee Funding Request** – CA introduced item and Jerry Valencia as spokesperson for the Committee. Mr. Valencia requested funds be approved to continue producing literature to promote Lowell. Discussion followed.
- **City Council Appointment** – Mayor Bennett introduced item. **Councilor Paulson moved to request the three candidates to come back for interviews at the next council meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second. Mayor Bennett moved to appoint Gail Harris to the City Council, second by Councilor Osgood.** Discussion followed. **FAIL 2:1 Opposed Councilor Paulson.** Interviews for candidates will be scheduled at next City Council meeting on February 2, 2016.
- **Planning Commission Appointments** – Mayor Bennett introduced item, needing three positions to be filled. **Councilor Paulson moved to reappoint the incumbents, Nancy Garratt, Stacie Harris and Jerry Bjornstad. Second by Councilor Osgood.** Discussion followed. **Councilor Paulson moved to amend his motion to remove Nancy Garratt and replace her with Alvin Riggs. Second by Mayor Bennett. FAIL 2:1 Opposed Councilor Osgood Original Motion, FAIL 2:1 Opposed Mayor Bennett. Councilor Osgood moved to appoint Alvin Riggs to Planning Commission, second by Mayor Bennett.**

Discussion followed. **PASS 3:0 Councilor Paulson moved to appoint Stacie Harris to the Planning Commission, second by Mayor Bennett. PASS 3:0 Councilor Paulson moved to appoint Jerry Bjornstad to the Planning Commission, second by Mayor Bennett. PASS 3:0**

- **Budget Committee Appointments** – Mayor Bennett introduced item, need to fill two positions. **Councilor Paulson moved to appoint Jerry Bjornstad to the Budget Committee, second by Mayor Bennett. PASS 3:0 Mayor Bennett moved to appoint Alvin Riggs to the Budget Committee, second by Councilor Paulson. PASS 3:0**

**Other Business:** CA proposed a council retreat, to go through a goal setting exercise for budget purposes. Discussion followed, tentative date set for February 5, 2016.

**Mayor's Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** Idella Stinson 26 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, voiced concern about North Shore Project and crime issues.

**Council Comments:** Councilor Paulson responded to Mrs. Stinson comment.

**Adjourn: 8:47 PM**

Approved:   
Don Bennett, Mayor

2-3-16  
Date