

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
December 15, 2015

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

Members Present: Mayor Bennett, Maggie Osgood, Steve Paulson, Judith Rennert, Jim Burford

Recess: 7:02 PM

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(f) – To consider information or records that are exempt by law for public inspection.

Back in Session: 7:36 PM

Consent Agenda: Councilor Burford moved to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0

CA Cobb gave a brief statement addressing the communities concern about starting Utility Services. Chief Kevin Martin of Oakridge Police Department gave a brief statement explaining the civil issues related to squatters living in a foreclosed home.

Public Comments: Susan Lane, 35 N Moss St., voiced concern about illegal activities occurring in Rolling Rock Park. Lora Seale, 575 E 1st St., made a statement that the rental agreement that was provided to the City for utilities is a farce. Michael Miner, 569 E 1st St., commented about the activity occurring at 581 E 1st Street. Bob Burr, 566 E 1st St., commented on City's policy for starting utilities. Gary Reese, 237 E 4th St., read a statement asking what the City do to protect the citizens from illegal activity. Chief Martin responded to citizens' concerns. Discussion followed between Council, audience and Chief Martin. Marlene Kindorf, 584 E 1st St., asked what the process is for foreclosed properties within the City. Idella Stinson, 26 E 3rd St., voiced concern of a parked vehicle by Paul Fisher Park.

Recess: 8:30 PM

Back in Session: 8:43 PM

City Administrators Report: CA Cobb reported on the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, regarding Parks Master Plan Review. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has a Veteran's and War Memorials Grant, which the Lowell/Fall Creek Education Foundation has applied for to replace the Buddy Winfrey Vietnam Memorial in front of the High School. It requires a city sponsor; the CA has gone ahead and agreed to move forward with it. The Lane Council of Governments is applying for a Place-Based Planning Grant and they have asked member cities to support it.

Financial Report: Report provided in packet. Discussion followed.

Police Report: Report provided in packet. Discussion followed.

Park Advisory Committee – Draft minutes provided from December 3, 2015. Discussion on request for ideas from the Eagle Scouts for projects.

Old Business: None

New Business: 9:16 PM

- **Parks Facility Policy** – CA reviewed Resolution 637, A Resolution Renaming the Siuslaw Bank Pavilion and Revising the Facility Use Policy. **Councilor Burford moved to approve Resolution 637, second by Councilor Rennert.** Discussion followed. **PASS 5:0**
- **Charter Franchise Renewal** - CA presented recommendation to approve a 5 year Franchise Agreement with Charter (Falcon Systems). **Councilor Paulson moved that staff pursue a 5 year agreement with Charter and that if staff is unable to achieve that, they implement a one year agreement. Second by Councilor Osgood.** Discussion followed. **PASS 4:1**
Opposed: Councilor Burford


Other Business: CA stated that the Cascades West Economic Development District Board is seeking representatives for the Rural Development Working Group. Mayor Bennett voiced interest in participating. The Council agreed to give a \$50 holiday appreciation gift card to each employee. Councilor Rennert submitted her resignation as councilor due to other obligations. Councilor Paulson requested staff review current policy regarding water service. Process for filling council seat was discussed.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor reported on Lowell School District Board Meeting on Monday.

Public Comments: Idella Stinson, 26 E 3rd Street, voiced her concerns about the current situation on 1st Street.

Council Comments: None

Adjourn: 9:35 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

1-6-2016
Date