

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
September 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
Member Absent: Jim Burford

Consent Agenda: Councilor Paulson requested that the minutes from the September 2, 2015 Special Meeting be removed from the Consent Agenda. **Councilor Paulson moved to adopt Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Rennert. PASS 4:0**

Public Comments: Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd Street, asked if an infant swing could be moved over under the shade among the big swings set at Paul Fisher Park.

Councilor Comments: None

City Administrators Report: Interim CA Mike Kelly not present, gone on bereavement leave. No report.

Public Works Staff Report: No report.

Financial Report: Discussion on concerns about not having accurate reports. Council would like a report from Interim CA on why this is occurring. Councilor Rennert requested the pay dates for the long term loans and dates of when the transfers are needing to be done.

Business Meeting: Councilor Paulson stated he was absent for the September 2, 2015 meeting and could not vote to approve the minutes. **Mayor Bennett moved to approve the Sept. 2, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilor Rennert. PASS 3:0, Abstain: Councilor Paulson**

Old Business: 7:15 PM

- **Emerald CPA Group Meeting** – Mayor Bennett stated that the meeting with Bill Trotter went very well. The council took a moment and read the detailed report prepared by Bonnie Graham, Accounting Clerk of the Sept. 2, 2015 meeting. Discussion followed on information provided by Mr. Trotter at that meeting.
- **Short Term Goals:** Mayor Bennett and Councilor Paulson presented handouts to the council on short term goals for the new CA. Discussion followed on what council would like to see in the future with Mr. Cobb.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Mayor's Comments: Reported that he attended a workshop held at the Lowell School District on bias/stereotyping and personality traits. He reported that Team Lowell Meetings have resumed. Councilor Rennert inquired about an evacuation plan for the city. Staff will contact the Lowell Fire Department and inquire if the siren is still in working condition and if it would be used for such an event. Discussion about developing a City Evacuation Plan continued.

Public Comments: Robert Burr 566 E 1st Street, suggested that the council look at State and Federal Grants. Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd Street, voiced concern with the council using the word 'Goals' vs 'Expectations' in directing the new CA.

Council Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:02 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

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Date