

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
September 1, 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

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

Public Comments: None

Councilor Comments: None

City Administrators Report: Interim CA Mike Kelly gave an update on the addition of 'No Parking' signs along Pengra Road at the Lowell State Park, more follow-up will be done by Lane County Traffic Engineer. Discussion followed. Also a reminder of Special Meeting with the new auditor Bill Trotter of Emerald CPA Group, tomorrow at 2 PM. Discussion of previous audit followed.

Public Works Staff Report: Max Baker Public Works Superintendent, presented information on a 'Vantage Plus Service Plan' with TAG (The Automation Group, Inc.). Max responded to questions from the council. **Councilor Burford moved to accept the Advantage Plan Plus for the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant at \$4994.00 each, for one year. Second by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0** Max informed the council of a water leak under the road on D Street. Also no more information on the fire hydrant that was damaged by a hit and run, on Marina Vista Drive.

Financial Report: Discussed

Police Log Report: Monthly report provided at meeting.

Old Business: 7:35 PM

- **Employment Agreement for New City Administrator – Councilor Paulson moved to approve the contract, seconded by Councilor Rennert.** Mayor Bennett updated council on negotiations. Discussion followed, signed contract has been returned by Jared Cobb. **PASS 5:0**

New Business: 7:40 PM

- **Extension of Employment Agreement with Mr. Kelly – Councilor Burford moved to accept the extension of a short term contract with Mike Kelly through the month of September, and for on call basis through the month of October. Second by Councilor Rennert.** Discussion followed. **PASS 5:0**
- **Short Term Goals –** Mayor Bennett introduced a suggested list of goals to be given to the new City Administrator to work on. Discussion followed.

Other Business: 7:54 PM

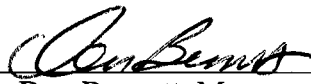
Councilor Rennert inquired about code enforcement being done. Max gave an update on progress. Councilor Paulson inquired about the algae growth in the lake. Max responded that it is still there.

Mayor's Comments: Reported there has been an increase of seven water meters coming into service since the beginning of the year. Discussion of replacing old meters followed. Mayor Jim Coey of Oakridge contacted Mayor Bennett about Lowell's participation in the Eugene to Crest Bike Trail development.

Public Comments: Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd Street, voiced concern about the council over loading the new city administrator when he comes. Gary Reese 237 E 4th Street, commended the council on their decision to hire Jared Cobb. He also voiced concern about not knowing there was a mowing ban and how we can let people know better.

Council Comments: Councilor Rennert asked about how would the community know about an evacuation? Councilor Osgood mentioned that the new light in the park is not providing enough light.

Adjourn: 9:20 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

9-16-15
Date