

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
June 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mayor Bennett

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

Recess: 7:08 PM

Open Public Hearing: 7:08 PM

Public Hearing: Resolution 623 – State Revenue Sharing Funds Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Public Comment: none

Public Hearing Closed: 7:10 PM

Reconvene: 7:10 PM

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

Public Comments General: Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd St., announced invitation for a farewell get together for Mr. Bill Lee on June 30, at 6 PM at the Gate House Pizza, Pleasant Hill. Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd St., commented on the rumors of increasing water/sewer rates.

Council Comments: None

City Administrators Report: CA Lee announced Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, June 6 along with the Park Clean Up Day.

Public Works Staff Report: Max Baker Public Works Superintendent, reported that the basin cleaning only took 7 hours, and it went well. The sampler is ready for delivery, but UPS Freight is requiring a \$2,500 delivery fee, Max is investigating because the quote was for \$239.

Old Business: 8:13 PM

- **City Administrator Recruitment** – Mayor Bennett provided a handout on selection process to the council. Discussion of possible interim CA and recruitment process followed with Mike Kelly. Special Meeting/ Executive Meeting scheduled for June 10 at 1 PM.
- **City of Oakridge Agreement for Law Enforcement Services Contract** – CA Lee has been unable to contact CA Gomez, he will keep trying. Discussion followed on what reports the council would like to see brought to them.

New Business: 8:46 PM

- **Staffing/Manpower Needs for 2015-2016** – Mayor Bennett presented topic. Discussion followed.
- **Resolution 622 – Changes to Personnel Manual** – CA Lee introduced changes to personnel manual: city hall hours, compensatory time off, on-call and call-out duty. Max Baker, Public Works Superintendent, explained how the changes would affect the Public Works Dept. regarding

pay options. Discussion followed with changes to the resolution made. **Councilor Paulson moved to adopt Resolution 622 as modified, second by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0**

- **Resolution 623 – State Revenue Sharing – Councilor Burford moved to accept Resolution 623, second by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0**

- **Resolution 624 – Authorization To Change Public Works Utility Worker Positions – Councilor Paulson moved to accept Resolution 624, second by Councilor Burford. CA Lee introduced Resolution 624. Discussion followed. PASS 3:2 Opposed Mayor Bennett, Councilor Rennert**

- **Resolution 625 – Creation of Animal Control/Code Enforcement Position – CA Lee introduced item. Discussion followed. Councilor Paulson moved to bring back this resolution when the next CA is on board and advise the Budget Committee to set aside related funds in the wage adjustment category, second by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0**

Councilor Osgood requested a time change for the special meeting on Wednesday 6-10-15, time changed to 10 AM.

Break: 9:08 PM

Back in Session: 9:16 PM

- **Resolution 627 – Guiding Principles – Councilor Burford moved to adopt Resolution 627 as redone, second by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0**

- **Audit Review – Mayor Bennett introduced item and council discussed review.**

- **Vision/Mission Statement – Mayor Bennett read examples of vision/mission statements. Discussion followed and will continue to work on options.**

- **Water/Sewer Rate Increase – Mayor Bennett introduced item. Discussion followed.**

Councilor Paulson moved to direct the Budget Committee to make rate increases appropriate in dealing with revenue short falls and to assure our ability to service the Capital Reserve Fund. Second by Mayor Bennett. PASS 5:0

Other Business: None

Public Comments: Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd St., commented on council actions.

Mayor Comments: Noted that the school will be providing the summer lunch program for kids.

Adjourn: 10:01 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

6-18-15
Date