

**City of Lowell, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the City Council Meeting**  
**April 7, 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

**Presentation: Darren Cross, Deputy District Ranger with Upper Little Fall Creek Late Successional Reserve Density Management Project Environmental Assessment** - Gave a presentation on the upcoming project for thinning and harvesting of tree stands and the management of the Upper Little Fall Creek area.

**Recess: 7:28 PM**

**Open Public Hearing: 7:28 PM**

- **Ordinance 292 – An Ordinance amending Lowell Ordinance 230 to grant an extension to the Falcon Cable Systems Company II, L.P., d/b/a Charter Communications, franchise agreement.** CA Lee gave brief review, Mayor Bennett read Ordinance in full.

**Public Comment:** Ken Larsen 657 N Moss St., would like to know if there is any other companies available to provide service? Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., stated that she has had a conversation that Charter may be merging with Comcast, and may be coming into our area.

**Public Hearing Closed: 7:37 PM**

**Back in Session: 7:37 PM**

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

**Public Comments General:** Norma Flower, 93 N Alder St., voiced concern about 90 N Everly St. regarding loose aggressive dogs and garbage. Pam Bryant, 117 S Alder St., commented on what can be done with code violators.

**Council Comments:** Councilor Rennert commented on reported council actions in 'The Bridge' regarding Ordinance 290, were incorrect.

**City Administrators Report:** CA Lee provided oral report, he has entered into negotiations with Emerald CPA Group, stated that franchise agreements are all expired and he will be in contact to negotiate. CA responded to questions from council in regards to progress on SDC fee's, annual transfers coming before council in resolution form and Oakridge Police Dept. issues.

**Public Works Report:** Max Baker PW's Superintendent gave a review of written report provided. Max responded to questions from the council.

**Park Advisory Committee Report:** Councilor Paulson inquired of CA what is happening with the newly acquired property. Discussion followed.

**Items Removed from Consent Agenda:** CA explained the expenditure for Visions Assurance Plan, that last years' service contract had not been paid. **Mayor Bennett moved to approve payment to Visions for \$9,686.25, seconded by Councilor Burford. PASS 4:1 Councilor Paulson opposed.**

**Old Business: 8:24 PM**

- **Ordinance 289- An Ordinance Adopting LRC 5.200 thru 5.508 Relating to Animal Control** – Discussion on changes to Ordinance followed. **Councilor Paulson moved to amend the Ordinance as described and bring back for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and Public Hearing at next meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0**
- **Ordinance 290 – Removed from agenda.**
- **Ordinance 291 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 286 and Reinstating Ordinance 242** - Councilor Paulson moved to have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only, seconded by Councilor Burford. **PASS 5:0 Councilor Burford motioned to adopt Ordinance 291, seconded by Councilor Paulson. PASS 4:1 Councilor Rennert opposed.**
- **Economic Development Committee Request for Funds** – Pam Bryant - Secretary, presented a change in Bear Printing cost for brochure. Discussion followed. **Councilor Paulson moved to approve \$1,250 for printing, seconded by Councilor Rennert. PASS 3:2 Councilor Burford and Osgood opposed.**

**New Business: 8:28 PM**

- **Ordinance 292 – An Ordinance amending Lowell Ordinance 230 to grant an extension to the Falcon Cable Systems Company II, L.P., d/b/a Charter Communications, franchise agreement** – Councilor Paulson moved to proceed with first reading, seconded by Mayor Bennett. **PASS 5:0** Mayor Bennett read Ordinance 292 in its entirety. Councilor Paulson moved to have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only and possible adoption at next council meeting, seconded by Councilor Rennert. Discussion followed. **PASS 5:0**

- **Proposed Installation of Yard Light at City Hall Parking Lot** – CA introduced item and requested \$1849 to install a light at the NW corner of parking lot at City Hall, for safety and to secure park security cameras on. Discussion followed. **Councilor Burford moved to spend \$1,849 to install light, seconded by Councilor Osgood. More discussion. PASS 5:0**

**Other Business: 9:02 PM**

- **None**

**Public Comments:** Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on contact hours made by Oakridge Police Dept., we need more information. Ken Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on the lack of service from Oakridge Police Dept..

**Adjourn: 9:10 PM**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Don Bennett, Mayor

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