

**City of Lowell, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the City Council Meeting**  
**March 3, 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 the Consent Agenda with the removal of the voucher directory, seconded by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0**

**Public Comments General:** Idella Stinson 26 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St., would like to see a community section added to 'The Bridge' publication, charging a fee for ad's.

**Council Comments:** None

**Staff Reports:** CA Lee provided written report and gave an update on Planning Commission Meeting. Provided a consolidation of Council's short term goals for the city.

**Public Works Report:** Max Baker reported on the 2015 AWWA Cascade to Coast 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Tasting Water Contest, in which we placed 5<sup>th</sup> place. He reported on I & I (Inflow and Infiltration, the water that comes into collection pipes and goes out before it gets to the treatment plant.) that they have been checking the manholes and working on state funding for testing and repairs. PW's have been replacing old water meters and plans to implement a safety program for staff.

**Police Log Report:** Patrol log provided.

**Business Meeting: 7:26 PM**

- Mayor Bennett pulled out the voucher directory for one specific item. Oregon Travel Experience invoice appears to have some errors. CA had pulled that invoice and is seeking clarification. **Mayor Bennett moved to accept the voucher directory, except Oregon Travel Experience, for March 3, 2015, seconded by Councilor Osgood. PASS 5:0**

**New Business: 7:28 PM**

- **Resolution 617 – Amending the Personnel Policies Manual Relating to Paid Holidays –** CA stated since we are now open 5 days a week, the floating holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving is no longer needed. **Councilor Burford moved to accept Resolution 617, seconded by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0**
- **Resolution 618 – Amending the Personnel Policies Manual Relating to Performance Management Review and Compensation –** CA recommended changing evaluations to be done on anniversary of hire and not fiscal calendar year. **Councilor Burford moved to accept Resolution 618, seconded by Councilor Osgood.** Discussion followed. **PASS 3:2, Councilor Paulson and Rennert opposed.**
- **Resolution 619 – Donation to the Oregon Rowing Association –** CA stated this is a resolution for what the Council had approved previously. **Councilor Paulson moved to accept Resolution 619, seconded by Councilor Burford.** Discussion followed. **PASS 5:0**

- **Ordinance 291 – Repeal of Ordinance of 286 and reinstates Ordinance 242 which describes the duties of the City Administrator. Councilor Paulson move to bring Ordinance 291 back to next meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> reading, seconded by Councilor Rennert. Discussion followed. Councilor Paulson moved that the language, for Section 3, Paragraph G, line 3, say every month, seconded by Councilor Rennert. Discussion followed to continue to have monthly financial reports not quarterly. It was decided that line 3 was referring to the quarterly financial conditions report. FAIL 5:0 Original motion PASS 5:0**

**Other Business: 8:06 PM**

- Councilor Rennert requests the CA to provide a complete wage report. Councilor Paulson inquired where CA is on SDC fee schedule, CA stated he is continuing to work on it.


**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Bennett gave a brief review of Councils short term goals, he noted three common thoughts: 1) proper planning for the future 2) sound financial practices and 3) more code enforcement.

**Public Comments: 8:15 PM**

Idella Stinson 26 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St., is concerned about repetitive requests for money from the same groups, and commended the Mayor on his effort to make contact with our representatives at the capital. Ken Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on money going to the rowing club.

**Adjourn: 8:22 PM**

Approved:

  
Don Bennett, Mayor

3-23-15  
Date