

**City of Lowell, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting**  
**June 25, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Mayor Paulson

**Members Present:** Mayor Paulson, Judith Rennert, Melody Knokey, Jim Burford

**Member Absent:** Gary Reese

**Public Comments: General** Jerry Bjornstad presented a partially burnt Chinese Lantern that had landed in his yard this past weekend. He voiced concerned about the potential fire danger these pose to the community. Mayor Paulson did respond and state that the Fire Chief had visited the party and chastised them.

**New Business: 11:03 AM**

- **Resolution 604 Making Transfers in Various Fund From Contingency to Materials and Services Lines to Cover Costs of Operating Expenses**

CA Hamilton explained the need to transfer funds from contingency in the Sewer Fund and BBJ Festival Fund. CA responded to questions from the council. Clarification in the BBJ amount was discussed and determined to be changed to \$1,609.50.

**Mayor Paulson moved that Resolution 604, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of FY 2013-2014 Contingency Funds with modification change of dollar amount, (that \$5,609.50 be changed to \$1, 609.50) be approved. Councilor Rennert seconded.**

**PASS 4:0**

**Staff Report: 11:12 AM**

- **Update on Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations**

CA reported that findings so far have been positive. The water level is higher now than in the past two months, they have been able to make water overnight without someone on stand-by, only on call. They have noted that changes in testing procedures may allow savings, and also on electrical expenses. CH2M Hill are continuing to find ways to be more efficient. Councilor Rennert requests that a representative be present at the next council meeting to give the update report. CA responded to questions from the council, regarding overtime and when the current employee will receive certifications. CA stated that 125 recruitment letters were sent out last week. Discussion regarding pay scale followed.


**Other Business: 11:32 AM**

Councilor Burford inquired why haven't the right of ways been maintained? CA and Council discussed how to have owners maintain their property right of ways and that the City will maintain City's right of ways. CA also mentioned a notice will be in 'The Bridge' this month. Mayor Paulson requests this item be placed on the agenda for next meeting under new business.

Council Knokey inquired of CA, how much comp time he has accrued? CA gave brief update on hours worked recently and he will be taking vacation July 7th thru 11th. A total will be in the Quarterly Report mid month.

**Adjourn: 11:44 AM**

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

  
Stephen Paulson, Mayor