

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
March 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: Mayor Paulson, Judith Rennert, Gary Reese, Jim Burford

Presentation of Audit Report: 7:02 PM

- Tamara Graham of Pauley, Rogers, and Co., P.C. presented the 2012-2013 audit report. She stated "The audit went smoothly and well." There was noted some internal control issues. She responded to councils questions and will get back to them on 4 points in question. CA Hamilton stated that he is working on a new procedure policy to handle some of the internal control issues.

Public Comments: General 8:01 PM

Andrea Larson voiced concern over the adoption of an ordinance for decorum at City Council Meetings, she does not support this.

Council Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: 8:06 PM

- February 18, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus with one change.

Approval of Expenditures: 8:08 PM

- March 4, 2014
Councilor Rennert moved to approve expenditures as corrected, Mayor Paulson seconded motion.
PASSED 4:0

Old Business: 8:12 PM

- **Budget review continued: Spending Hierarchy (Resolution 559)**
CA gave a brief explanation of Resolution 559 on how funds should be spent. Councilor Rennert read a statement in regards to the budget review and requesting CA to look at funds and see where the money could be best spent. CA was also directed to get a copy of Resolution 571 to all Budget Committee Members prior to Budget Meeting.
- **Council Vacancy**
Mayor Paulson gave an intro to the process of selecting a City Council Member.
Public Comment: Idella Stinson requested clarification on the process and commented on how important the 'no conflict of interest' is in the selection of a council member. Mayor Paulson responded to her questions.
Stacie Harris thanked the council for their consideration of her for the council position.
Melody Knokey gave a brief personal history and would like the council to consider her for the position.
Pam Bryant requested clarification on the process of selection, and use of input of public comment.
Councilor Reese moved to appoint Stacie Harris, seconded by Councilor Rennert.
2:2 Motion failed for lack of majority, Mayor Paulson, Councilor Burford opposed.

Councilor Rennert moved to appoint Melody Knokey, seconded by Councilor Reese. 2:2 Motion failed for lack of majority, Mayor Paulson, Councilor Burford opposed. Councilor Burford moved for council not make an appointment at this time and allow voters to decide in November election. Seconded by Mayor Paulson.

1:3 Motion failed . Mayor Paulson, Councilor Rennert, Councilor Reese opposed. Mayor Paulson moved to conduct public interviews of the 4 candidates at a later time, seconded by Councilor Burford.

2:2 Motion failed for lack of majority. Councilor Rennert, Councilor Reese opposed.

Mayor Paulson moved to appoint Jerry Bjornstad to position on council, seconded by Councilor Burford.

2:2 Motion failed for lack of majority. Councilor Rennert, Councilor Reese opposed.

Councilor Burford moved to appoint Bob Burr, seconded by Mayor Paulson.

1:3 Motion failed. Mayor Paulson, Councilor Rennert, Councilor Reese opposed.

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Reconvened: 9:08 PM

Councilor Rennert read a statement for her reason not to conduct public interviews.

Mayor Paulson motion to defer appointment of City Councilor to next meeting, Councilor Burford seconded.

PASS 4:0

New Business: 9:19 PM

- **City Attorney Replacement:** CA gave council information about the ability for LCOG to provide interim service. CA responded to councils questions. CA was directed to bring this item back on the next agenda.
- **Councilor Committee Appointments**
 - A) Lane Area Commission on Transportation**
Mayor Paulson will attend the next meeting on a temporary basis. Next meeting 3-12-14.
 - B) Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program**
Councilor Burford volunteered to be on the committee, next meeting will be in April.

Reports: 9:35 PM

- **Public Comment:** Rich Peters voiced concern about Code Enforcement in the City, an also wrong information being given to the public by staff.
- **Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Committee Minutes: Unavailable**

Staff Reports: 9:45 PM

- **Lowell Municipal Court** CA presented a newly formatted report for councils review. CA responded to councils questions and their requests for more explanation on report.
- **Parks Survey** - Councilor Reese presented a report of all submitted survey responses to date. Councilor Burford would like to schedule a work session to discuss how to enforce

and develop specific language for ordinance. Work session scheduled for Tuesday March 25, 2014, 10-12 noon.


- **Public Works Staffing** - CA reported that a new hire will start on March 17, 2014 for Public Works II position. He will begin process for Superintendent position immediately. Mayor Paulson requested a detail list from Public Works in regards to the letter submitted by William Hartwig of his concerns for the Department.
- **Budget Training:** CA has sent out an email to all Budget Committee Members about the budget training classes available. Council asked the CA to also send the Budget Calendar to all members.
- **Council Meeting Follow Up:** CA stated that more investigation will be required into the Street Funds being used for law enforcement issue.

Other Business: 10:10 PM

- **90 by 30 Program:** Mayor Paulson provided a handout on the program that is to help reduce child abuse 90% by 2030.

Adjourn: 10:12 PM

Approved:



Stephen Paulson, Mayor