

**City of Lowell, Oregon  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
February 18, 2014**

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

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Council Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes: 7:02 PM**

- **February 4, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus.**

**Approval of Expenditures: 7:04 PM**

- **February 18, 2014** CA Hamilton responded to questions from the council on a few items. Expenditure for John Beckfield removed for recalculation.  
**Councilor Reese moved to approve expenditures, Councilor Rennert seconded motion.**  
**PASSED 4:0**

**Old Business: 7:06 PM**

- **Budget Review**  
Councilor Rennert opened discussion on worksheet she had presented to the council previously. Discussion by council on whether it would be more beneficial to look at during the Budget Review Process for next budget year.
- **Council Vacancy**
  - A) **Interviews - Mayor Paulson moved to conduct interviews for City Council Position. Motion failed for lack of seconded.**
  - B) **Appointment of new City Councilor**  
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.  
Mayor Paulson motion to defer appointment of City Councilor to next meeting, Councilor Burford seconded.  
2:2 Motion failed for lack of majority. Councilor Rennert, Councilor Reese opposed.  
After some discussion, Mayor Paulson moved to defer appointment of City Councilor to next meeting again, Councilor Burford seconded.  
**PASS 4:0**
- **Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program (RHRP)**  
Mayor Paulson gave an overview of the Federal Program for block grant funds, which is administered by St. Vincent de Paul. There is a need for one elected official and one community member to be a representative on the board. Mayor Paulson directed CA

Hamilton to place an article in 'The Bridge', and bring the representative appointment back on the next agenda.

**Mayor Paulson moved to approve RHRP intergovernmental agreement, Councilor Reese seconded.**

**PASS 4:0**

- **Oregon Association of Rowers (OAR)**

CA gave a brief review of the discussion /decision of the Parks Advisory Committee on the topic. Lisa Wilson a representative was present to answer councils questions.

**Councilor Burford motion to approve the donation of up to \$3,160.00 to OARS for the acquisition of sound equipment for Dexter Lake Rowing Race Course, seconded by Mayor Paulson.**

**PASS 4:0**

**New Business: 8:03 PM**

- **Pump Control Panel Repair**

CA gave a brief explanation of the quote provided.

**Mayor Paulson moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$6000.00 for the repair of the input pump control panel at the wastewater treatment plant, seconded by Councilor Reese.**

**PASSED 4:0**

- **Economic Development Committee**

Representatives Jerry Valencia, Allie Stevens and Pam Bryant presented ideas to market the City of Lowell using Tourism Funds.

- **Council Meeting Protocol**

Mayor Paulson introduced topic and reviewed the language of the Lowell Revised Code sections 2.016, 2.017 and 2.020 in regards to council/staff conduct. He proposed to take on enhancing appropriate rules to deal with inappropriate behavior. Will place on upcoming agenda the development of council rules.

**Reports: 8:51 PM**

- **Parks Advisory Committee Draft Minutes** CA presented to council.

**Staff Reports: 8:53 PM**

- **January Patrol Log** - CA presented to council.
- **Employee Accruals Report** - CA presented to council.
- **Monthly Fund Update** CA will bring back to council at next meeting.
- **Lowell Municipal Court** CA will bring back to council at next meeting.
- **Annual Audit** - The representative from audit firm was unavailable for tonight., will have an audit manager here at the March 4, 2014 meeting.
- **Parks Survey** - Councilor Reese presented a report of the last 55 survey responses.
- **Public Works Staffing** - CA reported that they are currently conducting second interviews for the Utility Worker II position and will immediately begin the search for Public Works Superintendent position.
- **Wastewater/Storm water Overflow incident** - CA gave a report on incident that occurred in recent past.

- **Follow up on February 4, 2014 meeting** - CA responded to questions asked at prior meeting.
- **Resignation of City Attorney** - A 30 day notice was received from John Beckfield today.

**Other Business: None**

**Closing Public Comments: None**

**Adjourn: 9:21 PM**

Approved: Stephen Paulson  
Stephen Paulson, Mayor