## City of Lowell, Oregon Minutes of the City Council Regular Session October 15, 2019

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Bennett.

Members Present: Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Tim Stratis,

Members Absent: Patricia Angelini, Samantha Dragt

Consent Agenda: Councilor Stratis moved to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilor Harris. PASS 3:0

**Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards** – CA announced Parks and Recreation Committee awarded Raymond & Phyllis Cross of 165 N Pioneer Street Yard of the Month for October.

**Public Comments:** Larry Senn owns property at 134 & 136 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, verbalized frustration with lack of code enforcement.

**Council Comments:** Councilor Stratis responded to comment by Mr. Senn stating the condition of the City of Lowell is better now than ever in history, but also the City continues to work on improving the code enforcement.

City Administrator Report: CA Cobb reported on Lowell Beautification Day was a successful cleaned up of the Post Office property; Highway 58 Business Network had a social event on Oct. 10 and had 16 people attend; staff and contract planners are working on several development projects; FY 2019/20 assessed value is approx.. 4% higher; we continue to have vacancies on the Planning Commission; reported on committee meetings and LOC highlights.

**Public Works Report:** Max Baker Public Works Director reported on the cleaning and inspection of storm drains, culverts, catch basins an ditches in preparations for wet weather months; inspection of sewer manholes for I&I; activated carbon has been shut off for the season, continue to collect Cyanotoxin samples for the remainder of the month, all sample results continue to be non-detects; Midstate will be here 10/16/19 to assist with excavation in locating the leak on Cannon Street; he also commented on the great working relationship that has developed over the past few years between the City, the Lowell School District and Lowell Fire Department.

**Financial Report:** Monthly Financial Report for September – provided in packet, CA provided explanation to questions from the council.

**Police Report:** September report provided in packet. Councilor Stratis commented on an observation of the Oakridge Police Dept. parked in the Lowell Industrial Area for a prolonged period of time.

**Draft Committee Minutes:** BBJ Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee minutes attached.

like to see the code revised to have someone other than the PW's Director doing code enforcement.

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

Don Bennett, Mayor

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