

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
May 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by Mayor Bennett

Members Present: Mayor Bennett, Maggie Osgood, Steve Paulson, Judith Rennert, Jim Burford

Recess: 7:12 PM

Open Public Hearing: 7:12 PM

Ordinance 289 – An Ordinance Adopting LRC 5.200 thru 5.208 Relating to Animal Control.

Public Comment: None

Closed Public Hearing: 7:14 PM

Back in Session: 7:14 PM

Consent Agenda: Councilor Paulson moved to adopt Consent Agenda, second by Councilor Burford. PASS 5:0

Public Comments General: Gary Reese 237 E 4th St., commented on lack of progress on the marijuana moratorium. Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on the disappointment of the CA's resignation. Larry Senn 134/136 W 2nd St., commented on code enforcement needed to prevent fire danger. Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd St., commented on CA's resignation.

Council Comments: Councilor Paulson commended CA Lee and the Public Works Dept. on the great job of cleaning up the facilities. Mayor Bennett also commended the Public Works Dept. on their presentations to the Lundy Elementary School groups. Job well done.

City Administrators Report: CA Lee stated he had no report but did comment on the payment to Oakridge Police Dept. A new police report was presented to council, discussion followed.

Public Works Report: Max Baker - Public Works Superintendent thanked those for coming to the Open House, and offered an open invitation to those who like to come and see the facilities.

Old Business: 7:55 PM

- **Ordinance 289 – An Ordinance Establishing the Regulation of Animal Control; Establishing a Procedure for Setting Fees; Providing for Remedies; Establishing a Complaints Process; and Changing LRC 5.200 thru 5.208. Councilor Paulson moved to have first reading of Ordinance 289 by title only, second by Councilor Burford. PASS 5:0 Mayor Bennett read Ordinance 289 by title only. Councilor Paulson moved to bring back Ordinance 289 to next meeting for second reading by title only and possible approval. Seconded by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0**

• **Ordinance 290 – An Ordinance Amending Lowell Revised Code Sections 2.062, Relating to Responsibilities and Supervision of the City Attorney for the City of Lowell, Oregon.** Councilor Paulson move to have second reading of Ordinance 290 by title only, second by Councilor Burford. PASS 5:0 Councilor Paulson moved to adopt Ordinance 290, second by Councilor Rennert. PASS 5:0

• **City Administrator Recruitment** – Mayor Bennett introduced Mr. Kelly's proposal for recruitment. Councilor Paulson moved to engage with Mr. Kelly with accordance of the draft contract to help in the CA recruitment, second by Councilor Burford. Discussion followed. PASS 5:0 Councilor Burford moved to make the City Administrator position full time 40 hr/wk, with salary range \$60,000 - \$70,000 with benefits to be negotiated, second by Councilor Rennert. Councilor Rennert move to amend the motion to increase the salary range to \$55,000 - \$70,000, seconded by Councilor Paulson. Discussion followed. Amendment - FAIL 4:1 Councilor Rennert in favor. Original Motion PASS 4:1, Councilor Rennert opposed.

New Business: 8:15 PM

- **Leak Detection Survey** – Max Baker, Public Works Superintendent introduced item and answered questions from the council. Councilor Paulson moved to approve the expenditure of \$2,971.00 for leak detection, second by Councilor Burford. PASS 5:0
- **Backwash Storage Basin** – Mr. Baker explained condition of current backwash storage basin. Discussion followed. Councilor Burford moved to approve the backwash storage basin not to exceed \$4,000, second by Councilor Paulson. PASS 5:0
- **Resolution 621 – A Resolution Transferring Funds** – CA Lee introduced item as required to transfer resources between funds. Councilor Paulson moved to adopt Resolution 621, second by Mayor Bennett. PASS 5:0
- **Vision/Mission Statement** – Mayor Bennett presented a handout with statements of local cities for the councils review. Discussion followed.

Other Business: 8:34 PM

Discussion on how to handle the marijuana issue pursued. Council requested CA to schedule a work session with the City Attorney for 5-19-15 prior to regular meeting.

Mayor Comments: Mayor reminded everyone that election day is May 19, 2015. Mayor gave update on events happening in surrounding cities.

Public Comments: Ken Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on Oakridge Police Report. Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., commented on speeding traffic on Moss St., could be a money maker for the city.

Adjourn: 8:52 PM

Approved: _____

Don Bennett, Mayor

5-27-15

Date