

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
February 3, 2015

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

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

Members Absent: Judith Rennert

Consent Agenda: Councilor Paulson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Burford. PASS 4:0

Public Comments General: Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd St., stated she attended the Ford Institute Training, and felt it was good, and would like to see the Council and CA work together. Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd St., stated that since the Wi-Fi has been turned off at night, unwanted activity around City Hall has stopped. Gary Reese 237 E 4th St., commended Pam Bryant on her efforts to decrease feral cats in Lowell. Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., would like the council to come up with a plan for code enforcement and present it to the CA. Rick Currier 95 N Everly St., wanted to thank the Council and City Staff for helping cleanup 90 N Everly St., it is greatly appreciated.

Council Comments: Councilor Paulson commented on the image of Lowell and the fighting amongst the council. Mayor Bennett gave brief responses to public comments. CA Lee gave a brief history of how the cleanup of 90 N Everly St. came about.

Staff Reports: CA reported that the exit interview with the auditors happened earlier today. Requested the Council put Bonnie Graham to permanent part-time position. Council requested the topic be brought back at the next meeting under new business. Written report provided.

Public Works Report: Written report provided.

Old Business: 7:30 PM

- **Resolution 616 – Change of City Hall Opening and Hours** – CA Lee introduced item, to be open Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 5:30 PM. Councilor Paulson moved to accept Resolution 616, Councilor Osgood seconded. PASS 4:0
- **Reconsideration of Alternate Budget Committee Members** – Mayor Bennett introduced item. Mayor Bennett moved to reconsider the alternate budget committee member Pam Bryant, seconded by Councilor Osgood. Discussion followed. PASS 4:0
- **City Administrator Contract** - Mayor Bennett introduced item, increasing hours from 20 to 32 per week. Councilor Burford moved to accept the contract, seconded by Councilor Osgood. Discussion followed. Councilor Paulson move to strike the words 'to reinstate the provisions of Ordinance 211'. Motion failed for a lack of second. Discussion followed. Councilor Burford called for a vote, seconded by Councilor Osgood. PASS 4:0 PASS 4:0

- **Leash Law Ordinance** – Mayor Bennett reviewed item. Discussion followed. **Councilor Paulson moved to defer item, and it be discussed at the work session on February 17, 2015 at 6 PM, seconded by Councilor Burford. PASS 4:0**

New Business: 7:55 PM

- **Presentation of Home of Your Own Program/ Home Rehabilitation Program** – Andy Clay of St. Vincent de Paul requesting to use funds differently and the possibility of selling 4 lots in the Wetleau Division. Discussion followed.
- **Oregon Rowing Association** – Jill Hoyenga Regatta Chair, requesting \$2,000 to help improve safety and quality of racing. Discussion followed.
- **Economic Development/ Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee** – Jerry Valencia and Amy Peters presented a proposal from ‘101 Things to do in Oregon’, and they will be seeking a grant from Lane County. Discussion followed.

Other Business: 8:41 PM

- Councilor Paulson would like a report of building activity for 2014. Discussion on Planning Commission vacancies.

Public Comments: 8:42 PM

Andrea Larsen 657 N Moss St., voiced concerned about tension demonstrated between council and CA. Idella Stinson 26 E 3rd St., voiced encouragement for everyone to be respectful and supportive of each other. Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd St., inquired if the council and CA have gotten together and discussed expectations of each other?

Adjourn: 8:48 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor


Date