

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of City Council Work Session
January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Mayor Bennett

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

Mayor Bennett read procedural format for a work session.

Work Session:

- **Animal Control** – Mayor Bennett gave a brief review of how other cities are handling their animal control, and read description of ‘dog at large’ from Lane County Animal Code. Discussion followed about the leash law. Concerns were voiced on how this will be enforced.

- **Code Enforcement** – Mayor Bennett gave a review of complaints that have been submitted to the City. Also he did a drive by of the city and relayed findings of out compliance property. Councilor Rennert mentioned that in the past, letters have been sent to property owners to remind them about cutting their tall grass in the spring before fire season, and they did comply. CA Lee would like the council to consider a part time Animal Control/ Code Enforcement Officer. Discussion on trying to reestablish animal license, within the city. Mayor Bennett would like the CA to reestablish sending out letters for the current complaints, and possibly get volunteers to help clean up the properties, and have the city pay for the dump fees. Discussion followed.

- **Council Rules** - CA introduced item, felt the need to simplify process. Presented a draft of a proposed amendment to the Rules and Procedures for City Council Meetings. Discussion followed.

- **City Administrator Contract** – Mayor Bennett reviewed contract negotiation results with CA Lee. Discussion followed.

- **Mayor’s Proposed Council Meeting Agenda Format** – Mayor Bennett proposed a new council meeting format and request to speak form. Discussion followed.

Adjourn: 1143 AM

Approved:  2-9-15
Mayor Don Bennett