

**City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
June 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Paulson

Members Present: Mayor Paulson, Judith Rennert, Gary Reese, Melody Knokey, Jim Burford
City Attorney - Milo Mecham present

Public Comments- General: Andrea Larsen asked about the 'Lots of Money' comment made at a previous Budget Committee Meeting. Jessalyn Melton requested the support of the City in supporting her participation in the Closeup Program on June 22-27 in Washington D.C. Hall O'Regan wanted to know how many property owners have hooked up to the North Shore water line? Mayor Paulson answered 'Zero'. Maggie Osgood asked why verbal attacks are being allowed in council meetings? Bob Burr read a statement in regards to the ineffective council meetings.

Mayor Paulson suggested moving Old Business items #4 & #5 to after New Business. No objections noted.

Approval of Minutes: 7:18 PM

- **June 3, 2014 minutes are approved by consensus.**

Approval of Expenditures: 7:19 PM

- CA Hamilton responded to questions from the council.

Councilor Reese moved to approve expenditures for June 17, 2014, Councilor Rennert seconded motion.

PASSED 5:0

City Council Meeting Recessed 7:23 PM to hold a Public Meeting on City Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Imposing and Categorizing Tax

A copy of the record hearing is attached.

City Council Meeting back in session 7:27 PM

Old Business: 7:28 PM

- **Proposed contract with CH2M Hill to operate water and wastewater treatment facilities.**

Mayor Paulson moved that the Council direct the CA to sign and execute the Master Services Agreement For Professional Services with Operations Management International Inc. for 4 weeks. To begin on the first day they can be here to work with staff. Seconded by Councilor Burford.

Discussion followed.

Councilor Burford called for a vote, seconded by Councilor Knokey.

PASS 5:0

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- **Ordinance 286, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 242**

Councilor Rennert moved to move ahead with the full second reading of Ordinance of 286, seconded by Councilor Reese.

Discussion followed with Council and Mr. Mecham.

PASS 3:2 Mayor Paulson and Councilor Burford opposed.

Mayor Paulson performed second reading of Ordinance 286, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 242.

Discussion followed with Council and Mr. Mecham.

Councilor Rennert moved to adopt Ordinance 286, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 242, seconded by Councilor Reese.

PASS 3:2 Mayor Paulson and Councilor Burford opposed.

- **Intergovernmental Agreement for City Attorney Services**

CA gave a brief review of contract with LCOG, extending contract for a full year, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

Mayor Paulson moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for City Attorney Services, seconded by Councilor Knokey.

Discussion followed between Council and Mr. Mecham.

PASS 5:0

New Business: 7:52 PM

- **Resolution 599 Certifying Services**

CA explained the State requires a resolution every year, stating that City will provide services.

Public Comment: Lonna Bennette asked if there is anything different, Mayor Paulson responded 'No, it reads the same every year.' Councilor Reese noted a correction in CA name on Resolution.

Mayor Paulson moved to approve Resolution 599 Certifying Services with corrections, seconded by Councilor Knokey.

PASS 5:0

- **Resolution 600 Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues**

CA explained it is the same every year to receive State Revenue.

Mayor Paulson moved to adopt Resolution 600, A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Seconded by Councilor Reese.

Councilor Rennert voiced concern on how the numbers appear in the budget.

PASS 5:0

- **Resolution 601 Employee Compensation Adjustments**

CA explained the proposed pay scale.

Councilor Rennert moved to defer all pay increases until such time the majority of the council causes a pay comparison to be conducted to assure the Council has the necessary information needed to make an informed decision on this important issue and put all funds for said proposed wage increases into the wage adjustment budget line, throughout the funds. This motion does not include Public Works positions due to the staffing emergency

in Public Works and the possible need to offer more compensation to attract qualified and or certified applicants. Councilor Reese seconded.

Discussion followed between Council and Mr. Mecham.

Councilor Burford motion to table this until further information is available. Motion died for lack of a second.

Recess: 8:19 PM

Back in session 8:28 PM

Discussion continues on Resolution 601 Employee Compensation Adjustments.

Councilor Rennert moved to withdraw previous motion to defer wages and would like to make a new motion.

Councilor Rennert moved to defer all pay increases except for Public Works positions, until such time the majority of the council causes a pay comparison to be conducted to assure the Council has the necessary information needed to make an informed decision on this important issue and put all funds for said proposed wage increases into the wage adjustment budget line, throughout the funds.

Discussion continued with Council and Mr. Mecham.

Councilor Reese withdrew second from first motion..

Councilor Reese seconded new motion.

Discussion continues.

Councilor Reese moved to amend the motion to allow step increase for the employee that is in the resolution. Mayor Paulson seconded the amendment.

Councilor Rennert moved to amend former motion to read, I move to defer all pay increases except for Public Works positions, and the step increases allowed in Resolution 601, until such time the majority of the council causes a pay comparison to be conducted to assure the Council has the necessary information needed to make an informed decision on this important issue and put all funds for said proposed wage increases into the wage adjustment budget line, throughout the funds. Councilor Reese seconded.

Discussion continued on amendment between Council, CA and Mr. Mecham.

Mayor Paulson moved to defer amendment and its related motions to next meeting, Councilor Rennert seconded.

PASS 5:0

- **Resolution 602 Establishing Water and Sewer Rates**

CA explained the 3% rate increase in water and sewer rates.

Public Comments: Hall O'Regan provided a handout to council, and read a statement in regards to the rate increase.

Mayor Paulson moved to adopt Resolution 602 Establishing Water and Sewer Rates to be effective June 1, 2014, Councilor Burford seconded.

Discussion followed.

PASS 4:1 Councilor Knokey opposed.

- **Resolution 603 Adopting the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Imposing and Categorizing Tax**

CA presented amended resolution to Council, and discussed how the process of bringing in funds and transferring them.

Mayor Paulson moved to adopt Resolution 603 Adopting the City's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and Imposing and Categorizing Tax. Second by Councilor Burford.

Discussion followed.

Councilor Burford called for a vote, motion failed for lack of second.

Discussion continued.

PASS 5:0

Mayor Paulson moved to defer Old Business items, Draft Ordinance Parks and City Wide Leash Law Ordinance to next meeting. Councilor Rennert seconded.

PASS 5:0

Reports: 9:10 PM

- **Park Advisory Committee Minutes from June 5, 2014 provided.**
- **Planning Commission Minutes from May 27, 2014 provided.**

Other Business: 9:12 PM

- Councilor Reese attended the Lane ACT meeting on June 11, 2014 and shared information about an ODOT website.
- Councilor Rennert asked if recruitment postcards went out yet? CA replied 'No'.
- Mayor Paulson would like to begin the process for evaluation of CA be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

Adjourn: 9:21 PM

Approved: _____

Stephen Paulson
Stephen Paulson, Mayor

Public Hearing Record
City Budget For Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Imposing and Categorizing Tax
State Revenue Sharing
June 17, 2014

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Paulson:

Opened 7:23 PM: City Budget For Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Imposing and Categorizing Tax

Public Comments: Hall O'Regan requested explanation on item. Mayor Paulson responded that City is required by state law to pass a resolution imposing property tax.

Bob Burr made a statement that there needs to be a raise to help the City function.

Closed 7:25 PM

Opened 7:25 PM: State Revenue Sharing

CA Hamilton gave staff report, \$8,100 would come into the General Fund and then transferred to the water and sewer funds for repairs. Councilor Rennert questioned the method the monies were used in the fund.

Closed 7:27 PM