

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Regular Session
September 17, 2019

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Bennett.

Members Present: Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Samantha Dragt, Tim Stratis, Patricia Angelini

Consent Agenda: Councilor Harris moved to approve the consent agenda, second by Councilor Dragt. PASS 5:0

Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards – CA announced Parks and Recreation Committee awarded Rodney Neff of 470 D Street as September Yard of the Month. Mr. Neff was present to accept the award.

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

City Administrator Report: CA Cobb reported on Mountain View Academy Community Day event when approximately 100 kids worked on Paul Fisher Park, Highway 58 Business Association will hold a meeting on October 10, from 5-7 PM at Stomping Grounds Coffee House, Movies in the Park were a success, still have two Planning Commission Vacancies, Committee Meetings; Parks & Rec., BBJ, Planning Commission, Project Updates and League of Oregon Cities Highlights U.S. Census for 2020 is underway.

Public Works Report: Max Baker Public Works Director reported on MVA Community Outreach Project, replacement generator for the lift station is installed, all cyanotoxin sample results are non-detects, activated carbon continues to be added to the water to prevent taste and odor issues, staff continues to work on certifications, Vocational Rehabilitation Student began a two week on the job evaluation last week. Staff is discussing options to eliminate the pigeon problem at the Covered Bridge and the Stage with Western Exterminator.

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

Police Report: August report provided in packet.

Old Business:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement** – CA Cobb reported there was an increase in the quote for a replacement, the amount approved at last meeting would not cover the installation. Max Baker Public Works Director explained further the increase in charges, and requested an amount not to exceed \$7,500. **Councilor Dragt moved to authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,500 for the purchase, installation, and testing of a new blower for the wastewater treatment plant, second by Councilor Angelini. PASS 5:0**

New Business:

- **Resolution 727 – Proclamation for Home Inventory Week** - CA stated that September is National Preparedness Month, the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation and the Oregon Insurance Commissioner's Office is encouraging cities to help them raise awareness of the importance of not just preparedness in terms of storing adequate food, water, and supplies, but also the critical need for insurance and financial resiliency. **Councilor Dragt moved to approve Resolution 727: A Resolution Proclaiming the Week of September 1, through September 7, 2019 Be Known as Home Inventory Week, as written, second by Councilor Harris. PASS 5:0**
- **Lowell School District Summer Recreation Program Sponsorship** – CA presented request from Summer Recreation Program for city financial support, recommended by Parks & Recreation Committee. **Councilor Stratis moved to approve \$2,000.00 for the 2019 Lowell School District Summer Recreation Program, second by Councilor Angelini. PASS 5:0**
- **Engineering Services – AMI Water Meter Replacement Project** – CA presented information on the need to update 450 water meters, and proposal from the City Engineer. Discussion followed, no action taken, and will bring item back to work session for further information study.
- **SVDP Rural Housing Rehabilitation Program Contract** – CA presented information stating the City of Creswell has requested to join RHRP and apply for CDBG funds, which must be approved by RHRP members, which the City of Lowell is a member of. **Councilor Angelini moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the intergovernmental agreement in support of a Community Development Block Grant from the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Oregon Business Development Department, Infrastructure Finance Authority, second by Councilor Dragt. PASS 5:0**
- **Blackberry Jam Festival Committee Appointments** – CA presented applicant Lon Dragt. **Councilor Stratis moved to appoint Lon Dragt for Position 3 to the Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, second by Councilor Harris.**

Other: Councilor Dragt mentioned that the city received a CIS Safety Award.

Mayor Comments: Mayor reported that Florence has a new painted mural, and provided information from the Disaster Preparedness Meeting sharing possible reactions in the event of a major earthquake.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:50 PM

Approved: _____

Don Bennett, Mayor

10-15-19

Date

Attest: _____

Jared Cobb, City Recorder

10/15/19

Date