

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Regular Session & Executive Session
September 21, 2021

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mayor Bennett.

Members Present: Mayor Don Bennett, Gail Harris, Tim Stratis, Maureen Weathers, John Myers

Staff Present: CA Jeremy Caudle, Public Works Director Max Baker

Mayor Bennett held a moment of silence for Sarah Susman, a Volunteer firefighter for the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, who died in an auto accident 7/20/2021.

Consent Agenda: Councilor Stratis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilor Myers. PASS 5:0

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

City Administrator Report: CA Caudle presented a report which gave a summary of his activities since the previous meeting. Referred to the upcoming Town Hall meeting regarding the Library option and the surveys that were sent out to the community for their input to assist in making the decision on the library option. Paul Fisher Park tree update, planning committee meeting, Vegetation cleanup on the area below Sunridge, and the American Rescue Plan initial payment.

Public works: Public Works Director Baker presented updates

Streets and Parks: installation of the new storm inlet on D St. Men's bathroom at Paul Fischer park closed for a second time this year due to vandalism.

Water Treatment Plant/Distribution: All samples have been only non-detects re blue-green algae. We have a contract to sell water for the fire crews at the Middle Fork complex fire. Waiting on parts and materials to repair three leaks in the distribution system.

Wastewater Treatment Plant/Collections

Civil West performed smoke testing of the entire Collections System last week.

The City is accepting Gray Water from the fire crew on the Middle Fork Complex.

One of the new RAS pumps is installed and running great. Waiting on parts and materials to complete installation of the second RAS pump.

Staff is working on Annual Maintenance and inspection to prepare for wet weather flows.

Old Business:

Motion to approve a "Task Outline and Fee Estimate for Landscape Architecture Services" with Dougherty Landscape Architect in the amount not to exceed \$45,300, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign. Councilor Harris moved to approve, second by Councilor Myers. PASS 5:0

Executive Session Convened at 8:55 pm

To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, pursuant to O.R.S. 192.660(2)(e).

Adjourn the Executive Session. At 9:45 pm

The Regular Meeting at 9:47 pm

- **Motion to authorize the City Administrator to engage in public negotiations with Lowell Investment Properties, LLC regarding the City's real property located at 205 E. Main Street and to return to the council with those results. Councilor Harris moved to approve second by Councilor Stratis. PASS 5:0**


Mayor Comments: None

Councilor Comments: None

Adjourn the Regular Meeting: 9:49 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

Nov-10-2021
Date

Attest: 
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

11-10-2021
Date