

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Regular Session & Public Hearing
December 7, 2021

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

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

Absent: John Myers,

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

Consent Agenda: Councilor Harris moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Councilor Weathers. **PASS 4:0**

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

City Administrator Report: CA Caudle presented report which included Library project update, in regard to the architecture and discussion with the Hummel Consulting the Library Capital Fundraiser campaign letter will be sent out this week. The Business Oregon application was completed and will be submitted next week. Park Renovation project. Update on the status of East First property. Public safety meetings opportunities.

Public Works Report: Max Baker, Public Works Director presented report which included the meters that the Council approved for purchase have come in. An update on the Backflow option Go Live. Covered Bridge Event for the Christmas Tree lighting was a success.

Police Report: November Patrol Log provided in packet.

New Business:

- **Presentation from Emerald CPA Group, LLC on the city's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2020-2021. William H. Trotter, CPA – auditor**
Mr. Trotter gave his statement s re the state of the City's financial reports. "Looks pretty good!" "Currently, I think probably Lowell is in excellent shape as far as its financial department and the work that's being done." "The opinion on the order is clean- no exceptions." "The internal control report did not find any material problems." CA Caudle recognized Layli Nichols for all her hard work.

Regular meeting recessed at 7:24pm

Public Hearing called to order at 7:24 pm

- **CA Caudle introduced Associate Planner Henry Hurly from LCOG and Natural Resource Specialist Amanda Punton with Oregon Department of Land Conservation Development. They explained the suggested changes and reasons for these alterations.**

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: None

Public Hearing closed at 7:37pm

Regular session reconvened at 7:37 pm

- Mayor Bennett made a Motion to make an Amendment to section 9.620 to strike out the verbiage "and development in that area is restricted and controlled by the Corps of Engineers" Councilor Weathers seconded. PASS 4:0
- Councilor Weathers made a motion and Councilor Harris seconded a reading by title only of the First reading approval of Ordinance #305, "An ordinance to adopt text amendments to the Lowell Development Code to incorporate the Oregon State Model Floodplain Code."
- A motion was made by Councilor Harris and a second by Councilor Weathers to have the second reading of Ordinance #305 on January 4, 2022. PASS 4:0
- Motion to approve Resolution #772, "A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to finalize real property transactions with Lane County." Motion made by Councilor Stratis and second by Councilor Harris. PASS 4:0
- Motion to authorize the City Administrator to submit a "National Fire Plan" grant application with the Oregon Department of Forestry. Motion made by Councilor Stratis and second by Councilor Weathers. PASS 4:0

Scheduling a date in January 2022 for an annual City Council planning retreat has been set for January 29, 2022.

- Motion to authorize the purchase of gift cards to city employees in the amount of \$125.00. Motion made by Councilor Stratis and second by Councilor Weathers. PASS 4:0

Mayor Comments: Cyber Security. Homelessness issues. Happenings in surrounding cities.

Councilor Comments: None

Community Comments: None

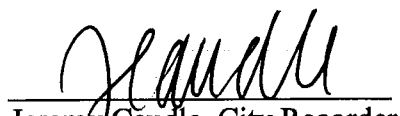
Adjourn: 8:08 PM

Approved:


Don Bennett, Mayor

1-25-22
Date

Attest:


Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

1/25/22
Date