

**City of Lowell Oregon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026**

The Lowell City Council held a regular meeting on February 3, 2026. The meeting location was at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Fire Station 1 at 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452. Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

City Councilors present: Mayor Maureen Weathers, Jimmy Murray, Gail Harris, Don Bennett, and Tim Stratis

City Councilors absent: None

Staff/others present: Layli Nichols, Savannah Halter, Ashraf Farishta Lakhina

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda: No consent agenda

Public Comments: No Public comments received.

Staff Reports: No Staff Reports

Presentations:

Presentation by Umpqua Valley Financial LLC of the 2024-2025 fiscal year audited financial statements

Ashraf Farishta Lakhina and Savannah Halter from Umpqua Valley Financial LLC presented the 2024-2025 fiscal year audit. They reported a clean, unmodified opinion with no material misstatements. The city's net position increased by approximately \$394,000, showing positive financial movement. Total assets increased while liabilities slightly decreased. The general fund ended with a positive change of about \$447,000, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$324,000. Layli Nichols, the city's contract accountant, noted that the city has been moving in a positive financial direction due to good decision-making by the council.

Old Business: No Old Business

Mayor Weathers invited City Administrator to attend Executive Session and allowed access to prior executive session meeting minutes pertaining to the topic

The regular meeting recessed at 7:16 PM for an Executive Session.

Reconvene the Regular Meeting

The regular session was reconvened at 7:45 PM. All City Council members and the City Administrator who were present before the executive session remained present.

New Business

a. 205/295 East Main Street Environmental- Discussion/Possible Action

Following discussion in executive session regarding pending litigation on the 205/295 East Main Street environmental case, the Council determined it was in the city's best interest to close the case rather than proceed with litigation.

Motion to direct the City Administrator to contact the attorney to close the pending litigation on the 205/295 East Main Street environmental case, including settling the trustee agency account for any remaining deposit, was made by Mayor Weathers and seconded by Councilor Jimmy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Review and Acceptance of FY 2024/25 Audit – Discussion/Possible Action

The Council reviewed the FY 2024/25 audit that had been presented earlier in the regular session by Umpqua Valley Financial LLC. It was noted that the audit was clean and had already been submitted to the state.

Motion to accept the FY 2024/25 audit was made by Councilor Jimmy and seconded by Councilor Tim.

Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

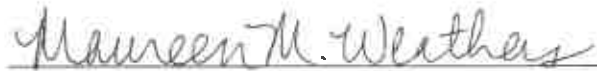
The City Administrator provided the following reminders:

- The Lowell Fire Department's annual awards banquet will be held in March and Council members are invited to attend with a guest. RSVPs are requested by February 15th.
- Annual goal setting and strategic planning sessions will be scheduled soon to align with budget preparation.
- City Administrator evaluation forms were distributed with a February 20th deadline for submission to Council President Maureen.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

APPROVED:



Maureen M. Weathers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Max Baker, City Recorder