

Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Fire Station 1
389 North Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge

Councilors: Mayor Weathers ____ Murray ____ Harris ____ Stratis ____ Bennett ____

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Reports May 2026
- B. Check Register June 2026, July 2026
- C. Leave Report June 2026, July 2026
- D. Meeting Minutes
 - a. June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. August 4, 2026, Work Session Meeting Minutes

4. Public Comments: Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may ask questions but will not engage in discussion or make decisions based on public comment at this time. The Mayor may direct the City Administrator to follow up on comments received. When called, please state your name and address for the record. Direct all comments to the Council through the Mayor.

5. Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator Report
- B. Public Works Report
- C. Library Report
- D. June & July 2026 Lane County Call Log

6. Presentations: Yard of the Month

- A. 165 North Pioneer Street
- B. 628 East First Street

7. Public Hearing:

8. Old Business:

- A. USACE Fee agreement for Geotechnical at Water Treatment Plant-Discussion/Possible Action
- B. Verdantas/Civil West Proposal for Geotechnical Exploration – Discussion/Possible Action
- C. Covered Bridge IGA- Discussion/Possible Action
- D. Speed Enforcement Device- Discussion/Possible Action

9. New Business:

10. Other Business:

Adjourn

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Future Meetings / Dates to Remember:

- 9/1 Lowell City Council Work Session at 7 PM at LRFPD Community Room
- 9/3 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting at 7 PM at LRFPD Community Room
- 9/9 Library Committee Meeting at 7 PM Maggie Osgood Community Room
- 9/15 Lowell City Council Regular Meeting at 7 PM at LRFPD Community Room

Council Goals 26-27

Goal 1: Organizational Excellence

- Enhance communication and public outreach
- Establish a Community Coordinator

Goal 2: Fiscal Responsibility

- Seek Funding Opportunities - *Code enforcement, Caboose Maintenance, Pioneer/ E Main Street Safety Improvements, master plan updates and water and sewer planned improvements*
- Maintain Ending Balances and Reserves
- Sell Former City Hall
- Complete updated Internal Controls Policy - *Review draft policy and suggested changes, adopt policy*
- Create/Update Surplus Property Inventory - *Evaluate and prioritize identified properties*
- Equipment for In-House Operations - *Evaluate equipment purchase options for services currently provided by outside contracts*

Goal 3: Dependable Infrastructure

- Master Plan Updates - *Create a detailed master plan inventory, generate process for each plan, budget and execute plan updates*
- SDC Updates - *Develop scope of services, review SDC fees during master plan update process and adopt updated SDC fees and implement upon master plan update approval*
- Water & Sewer Rates Study - *Receive scope of service from SDC study, complete study after adoption of the master plan and SDC updates.*
- Pioneer & East Main street Safety Improvements - *Effectuate needed improvements*

Goal 4: Sustainable Development

- Land Use Code Updates - *Identify necessary code updates, collaborate with Lane Council of Governments, seek community input and update the Land Use Code*
- Buildable Land Inventory - *Identify buildable land, create an outreach program for development , collaborate with developers to encourage new businesses and economic opportunities*

Goal 5: Exceptional Quality of Life

- Code Enforcement - *Establish effective code enforcement process, assign tasks, begin process and follow-up on non-compliance and review progress with City Council*
- Explore low-cost community programming through partnerships - *Coordinate with neighboring communities to complement existing events, support and grow family events, prioritize low-cost, high-impact programming*
- Caboose Repairs - *Identify repair needs and funding sources, execute repairs*
- Permanent Christmas Trees - *Determine options/ interest, make a recommendation to Council*

Members of the public may provide comments or testimony through the following:

- Joining in person or by phone, tablet, or PC. For details, click on the event at www.LowellOregon.Gov
- Mailing written comments to PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452 or deliver in person at Lowell City Hall located at 70 N. Pioneer St.
- By email to lowelladmin@LowellOregon.Gov
- Comments received by 4:00 pm on the meeting date will be included in the record.

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