

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Regular Session
January 3, 2023

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mayor Bennett.

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

Staff Present: CA Jeremy Caudle

Oath of Office for returning councilors recited by Don Bennett, Tim Stratis, Jimmy Murray, Maureen Weathers.

Councilor Stratis nominated Mayor Bennett for the position of Mayor. Councilor Harris seconded. **PASS 5:0**

Councilor Stratis nominated Councilor Harris for the position of Council President. Seconded by Councilor Weathers. **PASS 5:0**

Public Comments:

- Hall O'Regan, 62 E 3rd Street, Congratulations to the new members and Happy New Year. Discussed his, self-titled, "crusade" for the town to be cleaned up. His disappointment of response from the council.

Council Comments:

- Councilor Weathers responded to Mr. O'Regan that they, Councilor Weathers and Mr. O'Regan, have spoken of his concerns and some of the misconceptions that Mr. O'Regan may have had.
- Mayor Bennett, responded regarding the council's Charter, as to their responsibility.

Postponed action on Ordinance #307, "An Ordinance to amend sections 2.505, 2.506, 2.507, and 2.634 of the Lowell Revised Code relating to the Lowell public library concept of operations and power and duties of the Library Committee." For a possible clarification of the wording of section 2.505 (d)

CA Caudle had Second full reading of Second reading of Ordinance #308, "An Ordinance to amend section 5.106 of the Lowell Revised Code relating to open burning."

Public hearing opened at 7:23 pm

Public Comment: Unnamed Citizen requested clarification to Ordinance #308.

Mayor Bennett explained it more clearly for the citizen

Public Hearing closed 7:28 pm

Mayor Bennett made a motion to approve Ordinance #308, “An Ordinance to amend section 5.106 of the Lowell Revised Code relating to open burning.” Councilor Stratis seconded. PASS 5:0

Mayor Bennett made a Motion to approve Resolution #797, “A resolution adopting Guiding Principles for the City Council.”, Seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 5:0

Councilor Harris made a motion to approve an “Agreement for Improvements” with Jerry and Julie Valencia, pursuant to the conditions of approval in land use application 2022-02, and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Councilor Murray seconded. PASS 5:0

**Other Business: Annual Goal Setting session January 21, 2023 at 9 am at City hall
With the goal as setting forth the priorities for the upcoming budget and year**

Recess: 7:47 PM for Executive session

Adjourn Executive Session 7:53 pm

Reconvene Regular session 7:54pm

Councilor Stratis made a motion to advance the Library Directors pay from step one to step four, second by Councilor Weathers. PASS 5:0

**Mayor Comments: None
Councilor Comments: None
Community Comments: None**

Adjourn 7:55 pm

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

2/17/23
Date

Attest: 
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

2/16/23
Date