

City of Lowell, Oregon
Minutes of the City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023

The Work Session was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Bennett.

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

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

Work Session

- Presentation on Willamette Valley System Environmental Impact Statement. Presenter: Greg Taylor, Lead Fisheries Biologist, US Army Corps of Engineers

Work Session Adjourned 7:02 pm

Regular Meeting called to order 7:02 pm by Mayor Bennett

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Consent Agenda:

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

Public Comments:

Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd Street – Code Enforcement, Committee schedules
George Wild 200 Marina Vista Lowell – 2023 Blackberry Jam call for Volunteers

Council Comments: None

Staff Reports

City Administrators report:

- **Ribbon Cutting at the Maggie Osgood Library February 25 at 11 am**
- **E Main Street property: DEQ is finalizing language for easement and equitable servitude filing**
 - Expecting NFA letter soon
 - Postponement of addendum approval until NFA letter is received
- **Planning Commission completed their work sessions and public hearing on the Code Development updates**
- **Planning Commission Chairman Lon Dragt will be stepping down after 6 years**
- **Shade Tree Program has received \$4025 in donations, preparing to order next batch of trees for Paul Fisher Park**
- **Sanipac Franchise ordinance – planning to schedule first reading of the Franchise agreement later in March**

- **Surplus city Lot at 70 N Pioneer- fence will be moved the week of March 7th.**
- **Planning commission is looking at the zoning**
- **FireWise Grant— the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council submitted a Community Wildfire Risk Reduction grant. The grant is for \$24,027.**
- **Blackberry Jam- Reduction of scope to match capabilities**
 - **The need for 15 Volunteers to have this event**
 - **Job descriptions, tasks list, and deadlines for the roles**
- **Emergency Management planning-- Lane County Emergency Management held a Cascades Region workshop at the library. with officials from Westfir, Oakridge, Lane Electric, and the Forest Service together to discuss key risks to our communities.**

Public Works Director report—

- **Park restrooms closed again due to vandalism**
- **West 7th and damages section of East 1st Street have been rocked, graded, and compacted**
- **Wastewater treatment plant -- Staff are slowly preparing to transition to Summer Permit limits and working on maintenance plant wide.**
- **Attended the LOC small city meeting in Creswell on February 10.**
- **Covered Bridge gate is damaged so it will not be open at this time.**

Police Report: January 2023 report provided in packet.

Old Business:

- **Discussion Follow up on SDC update**

New Business:

1. Councilor Harris made a motion to approve applications for and appoint Suzanne Kintzley and Carmen Trimble for Planning Commission vacancies. Seconded by Councilor Weathers. PASS 5:0
2. Councilor Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 798, “A resolution authorizing the transfer of appropriations within funds. Seconded by Councilor Murray. PASS 5:0
3. Councilor Weathers made a motion to decline to go ahead with the 2019 Land and Water Conservation Grant for Rolling Rock Park and to look at resubmitting it at a later date. Seconded by Councilor Stratis. PASS 4:1
 - a. Bennett, Stratis, Harris Weathers Aye. Murray, No

Mayor Comments: none.

Community Comments –

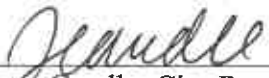
- **George Wild 200 Marina Vista Lowell - requested that the parks committee be part of the funding discussion for the parks**
- **Carmen Trimble 80 Loftus Lowell– Put in her idea for a pickle ball court or basketball court.**

- Hall O'Regan 62 E 3rd Street Lowell Question about the trees in Paul Fisher Park

Adjourn: 8:57 PM

Approved: 
Don Bennett, Mayor

4-18-23
Date

Attest: 
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

4/19/23
Date

