

**City of Lowell, Oregon**  
**Minutes of the City Council Regular Session**  
**August 1, 2023**

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:03 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

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

**Public Comments:**

**Hall O'Regan**, 62 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street: inquired as to when the restrooms will be up and running and the replacement for the swing set. Asked a question of the mayor regarding his activity in the past six months to enhance the livability and health and safety of our town.

**Larry Senn** 38506 Pengra Road, Fall Creek: Stated that he has submitted two complaint forms in the past few weeks and has not received any acknowledgment.

**Council Comments:**

**Councilor Stratis** thanked the city staff for all the hard work they put into the Blackberry Jam the previous weekend .He would like to commend the public works staff and CA for all their hard work.

**Councilor Weathers** chimed in to thank Councilor Stratis for his hard work on the greased pole event. He went above and beyond.

**Mayor Bennett** stated that the volunteers had as smoothly ran event that he can recall. All the Volunteers seemed to enjoy the event and the public benefitted.

**New Business:**

- Councilor Murray made a Motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement for city attorney services with Lane Council of Governments and to authorize the City Administrator to sign. Seconded by Councilor Weathers. **PASS 5:0**
  
- Discussion on scheduling a City Council goal-setting work session in August.CA presented options for the Council to come together for Goal setting in August. The Council chose Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the community space at City Hall.

Recess Regular Meeting at 7:14 pm for an Executive session

The executive session is being held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the city with regards to litigation

**Reconvene Regular Meeting at 8:19 pm**

**Other Business:**

- Councilor Weathers made a motion to approve contract for legal services with Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Urness & Wilkinson, PC in the amount of \$10,000.00 seconded by Councilor Murray. **PASS 5:0**

CA reminded the Council that the League of Oregon City will meet next Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Lowell Grange for their Small Cities meeting 11am – 1pm. Great opportunity to network.


**Mayor Comments:** suggested that the CA speak to the LOC about utility costs. He also inquired as to if the Governor signed the money bill for the utility.

CA stated that he had no updates on the signing.

**Councilor Comments:** Councilor Weathers informed that the Lowell Hall of Fame Banquet will be held October 7, 2023. More details in The Bridge.


**Community Comments:** None

**Adjourn: 8:24 PM**

Approved:   
Don Bennett, Mayor

  
Date

Attest:   
Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

  
Date