

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
March 06, 2018**

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Dufloth called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Councilors Keith, Roxbury, Ray, Ribich, Torres – Medrano, and TenEyck.
STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Public Works Director Barron, Planner Seitz, Community Development Director Mabbott, Accounting Assistant Horn, and Chief Huxel.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of allegiance was recited at 7:00pm.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** It was moved by Councilor Roxbury to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve minutes for February 06, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilor Keith. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Boyd Sharp – Gave thanks and appreciation to the community for the attention and taking care of his family during such a hard time. Mr. Sharp asked Mayor Dufloth to read the letter from his youngest son. Mayor Dufloth read the statement that was given to him out loud. Mr. Sharp thanked Ramona Anderson, Raelynn Gallegos, Heidi Sipe, Tina Ridings, Paulette and Daren Dufloth, Mary Dedrick, Lyle Smith, Recorder Sandoval, Mark and Joan Ribich. He was impressed how the community was able to come together two consecutive weekends in a row to help two families in need. He thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart.

Kylie Baker – She announced that the Umatilla Public Safety Association had stopped union negotiations with the City. She was there to address some concerns the union had. They had been informally notified that the Code Enforcement Officer would be potentially laid-off, and immediately after receiving that information, they did what they felt was right to do and contacted their attorney. They felt one of their team members was being attacked. Tisa Coffey has been employed by the City for over 14 years. Beyond it being a shock, at the beginning of last week Ms. Coffey was excited to be stepping into an expanding role. At the end of the week, she was notified of potential termination.

Their biggest concern was how this was all brought forward. She had a copy of the Oregon Department of Justice Attorney General Public Records and Meeting Manual. It is over 400 page document. In the document she went through and high-lighted every section she believed and in some instances knew for a fact that a violation of the manual, recommendation, or in some cases the law was made. Unfortunately, there was a lot of green in there. She wants people know that they are aware of that. It makes them question the ethical implications of how these decisions were made. They are more than willing to move forward with the negotiation team, but they are weary.

Beyond having an exemplary work history, Tisa Coffey is a lifetime community member. The City would not find someone who has more information about the community, the members of the community, someone who is as certified as she is, trained with the Oregon Code Enforcement Association. She is certified at the professional level, which is something she went out of her way to do.

Randi Weems - She wanted to know if there was any way to revisit removing the ban of medical marijuana.

Sam Nobles – He wanted to thank Planner Seitz for all his efforts to help him get in contact with the Amazon people to talk about the condition of roads they were using to build the new data centers.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve paid invoice CRIS, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 5-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

Councilor TenEyck moved to approved All Remaining Invoices. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minutes were presented from the Police Committee. Councilor TenEyck added that Chief Huxel and her department would be working on an Emergency Plan.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 14 – 2018, Resolution No. 15- 2018, and Resolution No. 16 – 2018. Motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilor Ray to have a first reading on Ordinance No. 822. Seconded by Councilor Keith. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorder Sandoval Read Ordinance No. 822 - **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIND ROAD.** It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve Ordinance No. 822. Motion seconded by Councilor Torres – Medrano. Voted: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Nobles – He introduced himself as the new president of the museum. They were currently working on updating contact information. They were also currently looking for volunteers to work the museum. He was also excited to see Umatilla growing and not was not a bedroom community anymore.

13. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Manager Pelleberg told Council that we were currently looking for zone leaders and dumpster sponsors. We already had a couple business hours signed up.

Part of Mayor Dufloth's message was about community involvement. It was quite enlightening to know that we have a wide variety of backgrounds between staff and council, but there was a lot of commonality. Umatilla is awakening. We never had a mission statement. We finally have one now. We are moving in the right direction. We will make adjustments. Mr. Sharp said it best, community is what it is all about. Change can be uncomfortable, but change is good. We have to reevaluate sometimes.

14. STAFF REPORT: Manager Pelleberg said he was going to play on Mayor Dufloth's words, we all came from different backgrounds, but somehow, we are all here, at the right place, and at the right time. We've got momentum and we want to keep that going. We have engaged grant funding from Business Oregon. We have a senior water right that will help our entire region out and we can move forward with some new projects.

Deputy City Manager Ince is working hard on budget stuff. She is doing a wonderful job and he appreciates all the staff's input as we continue to have a growing budget.

Community Development Director Mabbott gave Council an update on all the projects she was currently working on.

15. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

Councilor TenEyck – He asked people to put the cellular device down. It is not worth it. You may be saving your own life. He would also like to see the topic of medical marijuana dispensary ban put on the agenda for a future workshop. He wanted to thank the community for all its passion.

Councilor Torres – Medrano – She thanked Community Development Director Mabbott for her efforts with public transit. She also thanked everyone in attendance. She also thank the union for showing their support to Tisa Coffey. She believed Ms. Coffey deserved more respect than she had been given.

Councilor Ribich – He thanked everyone for their attendance. He moved from the Seattle area to Umatilla and he loves our community. He also loved the new website and the thanked Deputy City Manager Ince and her crew for all their efforts. He was excited to see the Marina RV Park reservations become accessible via online. Tourism is what we should be about and Deputy City Manager Ince led the charge on that.

Councilor Keith – he asked if there were any updates on the fire hydrants that he brought up last month. Manager Pelleberg stated that the 2 fire hydrants that were of concern had been fixed.

16. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION –

17. RECONVENE:

18. ADJOURN: The March 20th meeting was a budget workshop. The next regular meeting will be held on April 03, 2018 at 7:00pm. It was moved by Councilor Ray to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Torres - Medrano Voted: 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Daren Dufloth, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval, City Recorder