

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 05, 2016**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
  - PRESENT:** Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Lougee, and TenEyck.
  - ABSENT:** Councilor Fenton.
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Recorder Sandoval, Manager Ward, Finance Director Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilor Farnsworth moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 5. PRESENTATION:** None.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve minutes as presented for December 01, 2015. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
  - 7.1 Larry Nelson – He mentioned that there was an empty chair and that it was sad for many people in particularly the museum and he was certain the City as well. He will miss George Fenton. He cares for him and he hopes his health holds out.
  - 7.2 Karen Hutchinson-Talaski – They were thirty percent above from last year’s visitors. On January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in the Board Room of the Umatilla School District there will be coffee with Carol Frank from Real Business Solutions, LLC.
- 8. CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor TenEyck moved to approve item 8.1(a) CRIS, Inc. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion Carried. Councilor Lougee moved to approve item 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices, and 8.2 Court Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve items 9.1 through 9.4(a). Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - 10.1 NOWA Agreement - Manager Ward explained that this project is highly recommended by staff. The agreement is significantly clearer than it was previously presented. It addresses the needs of NOWA and the long term irrigating users, recognizes the complexity of the programs that have been put together for this program, but most importantly it protects the City’s water rights.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 11.1 It was moved by Councilor Farnsworth to approve the 2016 Meeting and Holiday Calendar. It was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

11.2 Resolution No. 12-2016 - It was moved by Councilor Ray to approve Resolution No. 12-2016 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement with the Northeast Oregon Water Association for Lease of Municipal Water Rights on the Columbia River. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

11.3 Resolution No. 13-2016 – It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 13-2016 – Stark Purchase and Sale Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

11.4 City Manager Transition - It was moved by Councilor Dedrick to accept the City Manager transition plan with discussion about contracts to follow at the February 2, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

11.5 Finance Director Ince explained that the Transient Room Tax Committee recommended \$2600.00 for the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, and \$7000.00 for the Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation. It was moved by Councilor Lougee to approve items 11.5(a) and 11.5(b) the Transient Room Tax Grant Requests from the Umatilla Chamber Of Commerce & Visitor Center and the Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

11.6 It was moved by Councilor Dedrick to accept Councilor Fenton's Resignation and declare a vacancy. The motion was seconded by Council Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

13.1 Karen Hutchinson – Talaski – There will not be a full blown Landing Days Event this year. June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm there will be a fireworks display. At the last Chamber Board meeting it was decided that if there will not be a full blown event, then at least there would be fireworks.

13.2 Larry Nelson – Thanked the Council for the support that is being provided to the museum. They actively want to make it a success. There are some safety issues, and they believe they have been resolved now. Asked the audience if there was anyone who was available for two hours a day a couple days a week, they are seeking volunteers.

**14. MAYOR'S MESSAGE:** Happy New Year. Welcome to 2016. He is excited to be working with the Council and Staff. He believes there are lots of opportunities ahead of everyone. The City relies significantly on volunteers. He knows that some have been doing the volunteering more years than they are willing to acknowledge. There have been some significant achievements in the City this last year, in particular with what is going on with the community center and the remodeling that went on, and the Movies in the Park in the summer. It takes help, and he wanted to thank those who have provided support to the City and the community. There are lots of things coming up that will provide opportunities for people to get involved.

**15. STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward explained that ODOT has received an additional \$950,000.00 from the State to do the storm drain portion of the 6<sup>th</sup> street Project, and that will be incorporated into the grand overlay project this spring. That will commit the City to match an additional \$110,000.00. The project will take care of some right-of-way and will better signalize the crosswalk at Switzler for the kids to cross. There is a chance that they will also connect the south side sidewalk from the Umatilla River Bridge to the Sixth street sidewalk. They learned that they will be presenting to Northeast Area Council of Transportation (NEACT) on January 25<sup>th</sup>, in John Day for phase 2, which is the 3 block completion of the downtown the revitalization plan from I Street to J Street on Sixth Street.

The Parks and Recreation Committee will be conducting a city wide parks survey.

The City is continuing to work on a funding formula for the operation of county emergency formula. There is no end of this that will seem palatable to us because it will increase our expenditures significantly. However, there is no end in this that would make us consider providing our own 24 hour dispatch. Even if we had the funds, it probably would not end well anyways. We are sometime and over time will be paying more for 24 hour dispatch.

There will be a League of Oregon Cities training in Hermiston on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It is very valuable training for those of you that do not wish to attend the annual conference. They can do that a little bit closer to home.

Public Works Director Pelleberg stated that the City solicited Requests for Proposals for Engineering Services and Engineering Roster for the City. The Public Works Committee reviewed those and they selected JUB Engineers, Inc. was selected by the committee.

## **16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

16.1 Councilor Dedrick – Wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Just wanted to let people know that there is a need for volunteers in our community. The kids love seeing the adults doing things in the community. Thanked everyone for their attendance.

16.2 Councilor Farnsworth – Wanted to commend the staff that worked so hard on the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the part afterwards with Santa. She stated that our Charlie Brown looked wonderful, and she thinks it was a beautiful tree, and it is only going to get better. The kids loved the coloring contest.

Councilor Farnsworth asked Public Work Director Pelleberg about security lights in the library that were discussed last year around this time.

Public Works Director Pelleberg stated he would give her an update at the Friends of the Library meeting being held on Saturday.

Councilor Farnsworth stated that at the west end of the bridge there was a street light out.

Public Works Director Pelleberg stated that was informed of that by Councilor Dedrick and he would be added to the to-do-list.

16.3 Councilor Ray – Kudos to Finance Director Ince for a great job on her audit report. The League of Oregon Cities training is happening in Hermiston. He encourages all the Council Members to go.

16.4 Councilor Lougee – On behalf of all of them, they will dearly miss Councilor Fenton. Thank you to those who either renewed or applied for committees in the city. There are a lot of years of service amongst those individuals, and he thanks them for their service. He has heard from multiple individuals that there is no lighting at the crossing for Powerline Road and Highway 730.

Public Works Director Pelleberg stated that they already worked with Pacific Power on that. They have located a pole, and Finance Director Ince is so good with money that she was kind enough to pay for the pole to get installed. The work order has been put out.

16.5 Councilor TenEyck – He would like to echo his fellow Council Members. It will not be the same without Councilor Fenton. Secondly, they have really labored over the Landing Days deal. Volunteerism is so important to all the various things that they do. They need to tip their hats off to those individuals that for years have made Landing Days happen. They need some fresh bases to continue to make things happen.

## **17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2)(g)**

## **18. RECONVENE:**

**19. ADJOURN:** The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2016. It was moved by Councilor Dedrick to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

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David P. Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder