

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE: Outgoing Council Member Valerie Jorstad administered the oath of office for Council members elected in the November 4, 2008 election – Richard Stokoe in Position #2, George Fenton in Position #4 and Steve Johnson in Position #6. She then administered the oath of office for Mayor Trott.

Mayor Trott then presented a plaque to Valerie Jorstad for her dedication as a council member for the past 12 years.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilor Dufloth
STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,
Public Works Superintendent Frances and Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2008 regular council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jack McWhinnie expressed his complaint regarding the current cable company and asked that the franchise agreement not be renewed.

Ned Londo who owns the 1300 Center building complained about the traffic from the apartments next to the 1300 Center. Because of the median on 6th Street, tenants from the apartments use his parking lot and the sidewalk between the apartments and 1300 Center to access 6th Street. He requested removal or modification of the median to prevent this from continuing.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included a refund to Alan Burk for Pendleton Street improvements, emergency room expenses for a prisoner, psyche evaluation for an officer and street lights in McNary Mobile Manor. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report, building permit report, lien search report and a gaming table application submitted by X-Cess Café & Sports Bar. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Applications were submitted by Valerie Jorstad for appointment to the budget committee, Danica Forshee for re-appointment to the library board, Amy Verly for re-appointment to the Planning Commission and Myrna Forton for appointment to the library board. Councilor Meade made a motion to confirm these appointments and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution #09-2009 – Contract Agreement with Woodburn Construction Co. for the New Library/City Hall Facility. Architect Gail Sargent explained the changes proposed by the contractor resulting in a total deduction of \$44,055 from the original bid. After some discussion, Councilor Johnson moved to reject Resolution #09-2009 and to rebid the project. Motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: 2009 Calendar Planner – Councilor Fenton moved to adopt the 2009 Calendar Planner as presented and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Elect Councilor President – Councilor Roxbury made a motion to re-elect Councilor Meade as council president and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Square Improvements: Manager Clucas explained that the plan was for an electronic message center in a monument structure at a cost of \$38,210 to \$43,210 depending on the monument structure. The plan also included a city center Christmas tree on the northeast corner of the City owned property in the 800 block of 6th Street. Total cost of the project was estimated at \$47,710 to \$54,710. Councilor Roxbury expressed her opposition and stated that she did not support the project. After some discussion, Councilor Meade moved to table the issue and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jack McWhinnie offered his opinion that the City should not scrimp on the security system for the new library/city hall facility.

Valerie Jorstad thanked everyone for their support and announced a vacancy on the Umatilla County Library District board of directors.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott announced there were 2 vacancies on the planning commission, 5 vacancies on the budget committee, 1 vacancy on the library board, 1 vacancy on the transient room tax committee and 3 vacancies on the parks & recreation committee. He also announced that he planned to make the council committee appointments at the next council meeting.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas discussed Pacific Power's power line proposal and complaints about the Cable TV Company. He also gave an update on the sale of the library parking lot and the Old Town Site. A public works committee meeting was requested to discuss a water line and Mr. Londo's request regarding the 6th Street median.

Public Works Superintendent Frances reported that an emergency water line installation was nearly complete for the Whitehouse Apartments.

Police Chief Huxel gave a brief summary of the police departments activities.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: The council welcomed newcomer Dick Stokoe to the council and thanked Valerie for her 12 years of service on the council.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:32 p.m. Mayor Trott adjourned the regular council meeting to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i) to discuss the city manager's performance evaluation.

RECONVENE: The regular council meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Recommendation for City Manager – Councilor Fenton moved for a 3% salary increase for the City Manager effective January 1, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder