

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Lafferty called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.

STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Hughes, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Chief Huxel and Utility Clerk Glead.

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013 as presented and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Boyd Sharp spoke against the gang ordinance that the council is considering and asked that the city develop programs that gets kids involved and this would do more for the kids than the ordinance would.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski talked about the business to business lunch on the 14th and the awards banquet on February 26th and encouraged everyone to attend both.

Jerry Baker introduced himself to the council he is a candidate for Umatilla County Commissioner.

Shane Finck stated that he did a project last year for his EOU class and he is asking that the city make the parents in the community more aware of the summer activities. He suggested some summer camps at the soccer fields or find a way to help with a shuttle to Hermiston for their programs if we can't afford some of our own.

Shirley Frost asked that something be done regarding the pit bull up on south hill as he is jumping the fence and chasing her when she goes by on her walk.

Jack Mcwhinnie supported Ms. Frost's concern about the dog, stating that something needs to be done before the dog hurts a child.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the Liquor License Applications for Mercado Latino, LLC and El Botanero Bar, LLC. Councilor Meade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion items included the quarterly state surcharge, Banner Bank visa charges and HRA VEBA trust amounts. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the paid invoices and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Smith moved to re appoint Josh Roberts to the Planning Commission and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fenton moved to appoint Arnell Eynon and Jane Starner to the Library Board. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 05-2013 – VADATA MOU. Manager Ward explained that this Memorandum of Understanding goes along with the Enterprise Zone Agreement that was approved at the December meeting. Councilor Meade moved to approve Resolution 05-2013, the Memorandum of Understanding with VADATA and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

CTUIR – Transit Service Grant – Manager Ward explained that with this joint grant between Irrigon and Umatilla along with approximately \$4,000 each year for the next two years we would become party of the transportation route that is free for anyone to ride to and from places in the area such as Hermiston, Tri-Cities, La Grande or Pendleton. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the CTUIR grant application and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Circuit Court Policy Change – Manager Ward informed the Council about a proposed change to the way criminal and civil cases will be handled in Umatilla County Circuit Court. Rather than keeping officers from the west side of the county in court in Hermiston and the east side jurisdiction in the Pendleton court, they plan to randomly assign cases to either court to even the work load. After some discussion the council asked Manager Ward to draft a letter to the appropriate person from the council in opposition of this change.

Boardman Gang Ordinance Discussion – Chief Huxel and Manager Ward explained to the council that there are just a handful of communities in Oregon that have this ordinance. Chief Huxel stated that before the City of Umatilla would consider adopting the ordinance we would need to know that the District Attorney would support the effort. The discussion was tabled until a future date, when there was an answer from the District Attorney's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer Colton with the Hermiston Herald announced that this would be her last City Council meeting that she would be covering as she will be leaving the Hermiston Herald newspaper. Ms. Colton thanked the Council for everything.

MAYORS MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty stated that they are in need of more volunteers for landing days. The next Landing Days' meeting is March 7th at 6 pm at the chamber office.

MANAGERS REPORT: Manager Ward reported that he recently spoke with the Tribe and after a few items are taken care of the council should be able to appoint some people to the working group for the old town site. Mr. Ward also noted that Mr. Russell Pelleberg is the new Public Works Director and will start on February 19th. Manager Ward will be out to the CIS conference February 13-15th.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Councilor Dedrick commended the public works guys for the commitment to making sure the medians and other areas are clean every morning.

Councilor Meade thanked Jennifer Colton for all her great work she has done over the years.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion; the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela Hughes, City Recorder