

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2010  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Cook, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover  
and Public Works Superintendent Frances

**MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 regular Council meeting and the minutes of the February 16, 2010 special Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce announced the Chamber’s general membership meeting, Umatilla Landing Days committee meeting and the Distinguished Service Award banquet.

Mike Matheson announced that he was planning a Umatilla Farmer’s Market to begin on June 3 to be on every Thursday through October. He asked permission to use the City’s plaza for the event and was planning a grant application and other fund raisers.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included a Visa card account with Banner Bank, New tire purchases, payment to Michael Becker Construction and legal charges. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Personnel Committee – The personnel committee discussed the review for City Manager Cook and recommended amending the manager’s annual vacation allotment to an annual block of five weeks with the ability to accrue up to 240 hours and a 3% salary increase. Councilor Meade moved to approve the personnel committee’s recommendation and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Transient Room Tax Committee – The committee discussed increasing the Transient Room Tax rate and removing the current earmarks for use of the funds. The committee’s recommendation was to not increase the Transient Room Tax rate but supported a ballot measure to remove current earmarks for the funds expenditures. They also supported formation of a Parks & Recreation District.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution #12-2010 – Ballot Measure to Increase Transient Room Tax to 7%. After a lengthy discussion between Council, Angella Lambert and staff, Councilor Dufloth moved to approve Resolution #12-2010 to increase the Transient Room Tax rate to 7%. Motion was seconded by Councilor Roxbury and failed with 2 yes votes and 4 no votes. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – no; Meade – no; Fenton – no; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – no.

After additional discussion, Councilor Stokoe made a motion to approve Resolution #12-2010 amended to increase the Transient Room Tax to 3.5%. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and passed by majority vote. Roll call: Roxbury – no; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – no; Dufloth – no; Johnson – aye. There being a tied vote, Mayor Trott broke the tie with a vote of aye.

Resolution #13-2010 – Ballot Measure to Remove Earmark Provisions for Transient Room Tax. Councilor Dufloth moved to adopt Resolution #13-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #14-2010 – Regulate Use of Community Room. Manager Cook noted that the columns for “Community Room” and “Meeting Room” got switched and the charges listed for the “Meeting Room” should be charges for the “Community Room” and the charges listed for “Community Room” should be charges for the “Meeting Room”. Councilor Fenton moved to adopt Resolution #14-2010 as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

Resolution #15-2010 – Membership in City County Insurance Services Trust. Councilor Dufloth moved to adopt Resolution #15-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – no; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by majority vote with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) – Manager Cook proposed to participate in the RARE program to place, train and support a full-time RARE participant to do Community Development projects for 11 months. RARE participants assist communities in the development and implementation of projects for achieving a sustainable natural resource base and improving rural economic conditions. The City would be required to provide \$19,000 of approximately \$32,000 needed for the program. Councilor Roxbury made a motion to direct staff to move forward on the project and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sam Nobles expressed his opinion that the City made a positive step forward on the Transient Room Tax changes.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor Trott offered his comments on safety.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Cook announced the new library/city hall facility grand opening and a book sale. He also reported on 4-H recreational opportunities, updates for code enforcement and a re-use authority meeting for the Umatilla Chemical Depot property.

Finance Director Glover announced the budget meeting for March 16, 2010.

Public Works Superintendent Frances reported there may be funds to keep the Old Town site sprayed and cleaned up.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Discussion items included the proposed farmer’s market, street paving between Banner Bank and city hall, an odor in McNary and baseball season. Compliments were expressed about how nice the flags and reader board looked.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder