

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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 and Johnson.

ABESENT: Councilor Smith

STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Hughes, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, Chief Huxel, Officers Dike, Campbell, Bredfield, Tovey, Prindle and Vandever, Dispatcher Baker and Zita and Code Officer Coffey.

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2013 as presented and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: Chief Darla Huxel had each officer give a quick overview of their training and a little bit about themselves. The only officer that was unable to attend do to training out of town was Officer Wright so Lieutenant Kennedy spoke on behalf of Officer Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Nelson stated that the phone number to City Hall is not listed in the phone book. He had a tour of the old town site and encouraged the council to carefully consider how they proceed with the site and that security is a major concern as development moves forward.

Karen Hutchinson-Talaski announced the upcoming community events, she also announced who won the man, woman and business of the year from the distinguished citizens award banquet.

John Nichols asked if the city was tracking how many people were taking advantage of the bus services. Mr. Nichols also asked how he could get a hold of an officer after regular working hours without calling 911; Darla said she could get him the non emergency number. Mr. Nichols also made a suggestion to the police department about getting a map on their website, showing based on call logs, where the problem areas are in Umatilla.

Jack McWhinnie asked about the pan handlers at the bottom of the exit off of I- 82. He asked that the city put a stop to them.

Kathy Putnam stated that Kiwanis is ordering flowers for the flower boxes.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Fenton moved to approve both the paid invoices and the court report as presented. Councilor Meade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Dedrick moved to accept Shauna LaDue's letter of resignation from the library board. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lafferty got called away to work; he left at 8:23 pm. Council President Fenton took over the meeting.

Councilor Dedrick moved to appoint Miguel Villarreal to the Parks and Recreation committee. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Dedrick moved to appoint Boyd Sharp to the budget committee and reappoint Judy Simmons and Rick Funderburk to the budget committee. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance #781 – Franchise amendment. Councilor Johnson moved for the first reading of Ordinance #781 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #781 and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #782 – Franchise Agreement with Lightspeed Networks, Inc for Telecommunications service. Councilor Johnson moved for the first reading of Ordinance #782 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #781 and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School Agreement Amendment- There are a few minor changes to the original agreement, there is a personnel change with Oregon Department of Transportation for contact and there are also a few date changes on the projected finish date for the project. Councilor Meade moved to approve the amendment and authorize the mayor to sign future amendments. Councilor Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT- Manger Ward gave a brief update that the City is still working with the Corp of Engineers on the Marina/RV park situation, there is no new update as of now. Also Manager Ward informed the council that the Budget Committee will meet on March 21 for the pre-meeting and the first official budget meeting will be in April.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION- Councilor Dedrick thanked the Police Department for their presentation.

Councilor Fenton noted that the graffiti is almost nonexistent around town and commended the police department on a job well done. He also welcomed Russ the new Public Works Director.

Councilor Johnson commended the Police Department group.

ADJOURN - There being no further business to discuss the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Pat Lafferty – Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Hughes – City Recorder