

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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, Smith, Fenton and Johnson.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Hughes, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.

MINUTES: Councilor Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick- Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutchinson-Talaski noted that April 13th is city wide clean up day, and June 22nd is landing days.

John Nichols asked the council to appoint him to the planning commission.

Jack McWhinnie commended the council on keeping out the mobile vendors. He spoke about the pan handlers and asked again if something could be done to get them off the side of the road when you come off the freeway. Councilor Meade asked about it being a safety issue, Darla said no they just can't impede traffic.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning Commission Appointment - Councilor Smith moved to appoint John Nichols to the planning commission. Commissioner Meade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Nay, Councilor Farnsworth – Nay, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion carries with a 4-2 vote.

Budget Committee Appointment - Councilor Smith moved to appoint Jeff Wheeler to the budget committee. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick- Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment - Councilor Farnsworth moved to appoint Roak TenEyck to the parks and recreation committee. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick- Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

Code Improvement board report was given by Manager Ward. Mr. Ward stated the code improvement board has been dealing with 304 Deschutes and trying to get them to clean up their property as the property owner states that he is under construction he feels he is exempt from the requirement. Also the code board has been dealing with 2422 Pheasant Ridge repairing vehicles in the street and leaking hazardous fluids on the ground. Mr. Ward just wanted the council to be aware of these two offenders in case it would come to the point where the city would need to take action by applying a lien and doing forced abatement.

NEW BUSINESS: TRCI Proclamation – Employee Recognition Week. Mayor Lafferty read the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2013 as TRCI Employee Recognition Week.

Parent Education Proclamation – Parenting Education Awareness Week. Mayor Lafferty read the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 19-25, 2013 as Parent Education Awareness Week.

UEC Easement – Umatilla Electric Coop is requesting to be granted an easement on the south side of Highway 730 until they reach Bud Draper road at which time they will cross back to the North side of Highway 730 and run the upgraded lines to VADATA, at which point they need the easement for 40 feet on the North side of 730 by Hash park. Councilor Smith moved to approve the easement with Umatilla Electric Coop and was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick- Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

TRT Grant request – The Chamber of Commerce is requesting 7109.10 to help cover some operating costs, Travel Oregon advertisement and help with the Landing Days festivities. Councilor Dedrick moved to approve the Transient Room Tax Grant request by the Chamber for \$7,109.10. 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. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 05-2013 – Fee Changes. The city staff is proposing to repeal the old fee resolution and replace it with Resolution 05-2013 due to there being so many changes. In the proposed fee resolution there is a ten percent water and sewer rate increase. The reason for the significant increase is due to the fact that with the current rates we are slowly using the reserve funds for regular operating funds, when they should be saved for major repair projects. The Council's discussion revolved around the water and sewer fee changes and it was suggested that it be a ten percent increase for water and twenty percent increase for sewer.

Councilor Smith moved to adopt Resolution 05-2013 and was seconded by Councilor Johnson.

Councilor Smith moved to amend the previous motion to change the fees in Resolution 05-2013 to include a twenty percent increase for sewer fees and ten percent on water. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Nay, Councilor Fenton – Nay, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Nay, Mayor Lafferty – Aye. Motion to amend Resolution 05-2013 is carried by a 4-3 vote.

Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Nay, Councilor Fenton – Nay, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Nay, Mayor Lafferty – Aye. Motion to adopt Resolution 05-2013 has been approved with a 4-3 vote.

Ratification of Old Town Site Working Group – Manager Ward stated that they would like to have Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, Chief Huxel and himself be the group that meets and works with the tribes. Mr. Ward stated there would be time for public input at the public hearing portion of the process when a plan comes before the Planning Commission. Once the plan has been approved by the Tribes and our Planning Commissioners then the City Council would take the final action. Mr. Ward asked if the council had any objections to moving forward with the proposed group, there was none.

Letter of Interest in the Marina/RV Park – Manager Ward has written a formal letter of interest to the Corp of Engineers in regards to taking over the Marina/RV Park. We will continue to talk and work with the Corp of Engineers while awaiting an answer from the Tribes if they have any interest. Councilor Dedrick moved to approve the letter as presented and was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution 06-2013 declaring surplus property – The resolution is to declare two police crown Victoria's, two Chevrolet pickups and an air compressor as surplus to be sold. Councilor Smith moved to approved Resolution 06-2013 and 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 approved unanimously.

Public Comment - Karen Hutchinson-Talaski reminded everyone that Friday April 5th is the Drive one for your school fundraiser at the high school from 12-8 pm.

Jack McWhinnie encouraged the council to clean up down town; he also felt the fee increase is to high and that the citizens were not very well informed regarding the changes in their water and sewer rates.

Roak TenEyck thanked the council for the continued commitment to the Marina/RV Park and for the appointment to the parks and recreation committee.

Manager's report – Manger ward noted that it has been brought to his attention the opportunity for a \$5,000 grant for a broadband study. He will keep the council apprised of whether or not the city will pursue this grant. Mr. Ward noted the budget meeting will be on the 23rd of April.

Councilor Fenton asked about the charge for the use of the credit/debit cards, he requested if we could look into not charging the older people on fixed incomes. Finance officer Ince stated it was everyone or no one that would get charged.

ADJOURN – There being no further business the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Pat Lafferty – Major

Attest:

Angela Hughes – City Recorder