

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 03, 2016**

1. CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilors Dedrick, Ray, Ribich, Lougee, and TenEyck.

ABSENT: Councilor Farnsworth.

STAFF PRESENT: Recorder Sandoval, Manager Pelleberg, Deputy City Manager Ince, Planner Searles, Director Ward, and Chief Huxel.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited at 6:31pm.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilor Ray moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION:

5.1 Annual Awards to Police Department Staff

Chief Huxel presented the Spirit of Community Award to Darren and Paulette Dufloth.

Volunteer of the Year – Karen Dike

Reserve Officer of the Year – Richard Estes

Employee of the Year - Cindy Eddy

5.2 Present Police Department Staff the OAA Accreditation Award – Officially recognized as an accredited department as of January 31, 2016. Operations, management, policy, and procedures meet the best practices the industry has to offer. The Umatilla Police Department is 1 of 2 in all of Eastern Oregon law enforcement agencies that currently hold accreditation.

5.3 Present Public Works Department Staff the Outstanding Performer Award from the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Services Office – Manager Pelleberg announced that it was the first year for the City of Umatilla to receive this award, and it was a great honor to have our staff work so hard to achieve recognition from the State of Oregon for the status of Outstanding Performer.

Judge Krogh swore in Kassandra Kennedy as a reserve officer.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve minutes for March 01, 2016. It was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Ribich moved to approve CRIS, Inc. as a paid invoice. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion carried.

Councilor TenEyck inquired about item 90 Banner Bank on page 9 of the packet. Manager Pelleberg explained that it was the annual loan payment of City Hall.

Councilor Ray moved to approve 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices. The motion was seconded by Councilor TenEyck. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Ordinance No. 811 – An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 5 of the Umatilla Municipal Code to update the Transient Room Tax Code to Include an Additional Tourism Promotion Assessment Charge Used to Fund Construction of Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center -

Manager Pelleberg explained that these funds were funds that would go straight to the EOTEC and there was a sunset clause on the ordinance.

Councilor Ray asked if the ordinance ended when the construction ended. Manager Pelleberg explained that the ordinance would be repealed when construction would end.

It was moved by Councilor Ray to have a first reading of Ordinance No. 811, by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ribich. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

Recorder Sandoval read Ordinance No. 811 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 5 OF THE UMATILLA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE TRANSIENT ROOM TAX CODE TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION ASSESSMENT CHARGE USED TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN OREGON TRADE AND EVENT CENTER.

It was moved by Councilor Lougee to approve Ordinance No. 811. Councilor TenEyck seconded the motion. Voted: 4-1. Councilor Dedrick voted against the motion. Motion carried.

11.2 Resolution No. 23-2016 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Hermiston to Provide Plan Review and Building Codes Inspections for the City of Umatilla Building Department. - Manager Pelleberg explained that this resolution would be to better serve our building department. Councilor TenEyck moved to approve Resolution No. 23-2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried.

11.3 Police Week Peace Officers' Memorial Proclamation – Read by Mayor Trott for the record. No formal action was required or needed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

13.1 Cheryl Vermillion – Asked why there were no junior council members. She stated that there were some brilliant minds at the school level. Mayor Trott explained that we used to have representation from the high school, but there was lack of interest. This was something that would need to be discussed and brought back to Council.

13.2 Esteban Rodarte – Explained that other cities allow members that live in the community, maybe outside of city limits to be on Council. He wanted to know why the City of Umatilla didn't

have a provision to allow citizens outside of city limits to be on Council. Manager Pelleberg stated that he needed to come in to city hall to speak to him.

14. MAYOR'S MESSAGE: He just wanted to congratulate our City staff. Particularly those from Public Works and Police Department for taking ownership on their work. It sets us from the rest of our brethren across the State.

15. STAFF REPORT: Manager Pelleberg wanted reiterate that there would be a LOC meeting on May 18th at the new EOTEC venue.

16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

16.1 Councilor Dedrick – Wanted to thank the Police Department and Chief Huxel for all her hard work.

16.2 Councilor Ray – He wanted to know what progress the Planning Commission on the sign ordinance. Planner Searles stated that it had taken a back seat to things. Councilor Ray stated that he noticed there had not been a meeting last month, so they couldn't be that busy. Planner Searles stated that they were working on other amendments and the difficulty on trying to address it. The Planning Commission was not sure if they were the best committee to handle the sign ordinance. Councilor Ray wanted to know if Planner Searles had any suggestions. Planner Searles stated that there was something that was still on the table, just other things rose in importance. He stated that it was a very intricate process.

Manager Pelleberg stated that these were all issues that will be addressed with the transition using the City of Hermiston's building officials. We do have a sign ordinance, but it has not been enforced in years, which makes it difficult to try to bring something new to place. We need to talk to business owners face to face, as opposed to a letter. We need to let them know that it is coming. Moving forward we need to come up with a game plan and be able to present it to the Council.

16.3 Councilor Ribich – Wanted to congratulate Chief Huxel and her team on her accreditation. It takes the involvement of everyone on the team, and he thinks that is proof of leadership to make sure everyone is involved.

16.4 Councilor Lougee – He agrees. What is exciting is to see awards like tonight awarded to Public Works and the Police Department. The energy is felt throughout the community and it is exciting. He just wanted to add that whatever the sign ordinance decides, he hopes they don't do anything that would destroy the cowboy at Harvest Foods. He thinks that is the face of Umatilla, and it is a unique signage. He recommends to have the workshop meetings like the one held last month. There was a lot of discussion and he hopes that they do a number of those throughout the year.

16.5 Councilor TenEyck – He echoes the sentiments of his fellow councilmembers. He thinks the work session was very productive. If the public could make it to those meetings they could see that there was a lot of progress being made.

17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2)

18. RECONVENE:

19. ADJOURN: The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2016. It was moved by Councilor Ribich to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

David P. Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder