

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 5, 2009  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton and Johnson  
**ABSENT:** Councilor Dufloth  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover,  
Police Chief Huxel and Public Works Superintendent Frances

**MINUTES:** Councilor Roxbury moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009 public hearing and regular council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jack McWhinnie commented on the benefits the City’s canine cop “Moose” provided to the police department and expressed his wish for a memorial of some sort in memory of Moose.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included the “Bobcop” website annual fee and Hermiston Transmission for repair of a switch. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices and court report. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Finance Committee – The committee discussed a request for funds in the amount of \$500 from the Umatilla Landing Days Committee. The committee recommended approval of the request. Councilor Roxbury expressed her opinion that the City should contribute more than \$500 for the Landing Days celebration. After a brief discussion, Councilor Roxbury made a motion to reject the finance committee’s recommendation and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Funding Request – Umatilla Landing Days Committee. Councilor Roxbury moved for a one time exception to the \$500 maximum limit and increase the donation to \$1,000 for the Landing Days celebration. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**Proclamation** – Police Week & Peace Officers’ Memorial Day. Mayor Trott read the proclamation to proclaim May 10-16, 2009 as Police Week and Friday, May 15, 2009 as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Heidi Sipe of the Umatilla School District submitted a preliminary site plan drawing to remove the six classroom modular unit at McNary Heights Elementary and replace it with a fourteen classroom permanent modular building near the same site and requested a continuation of their sewer line easement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment at this time.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE:** Mayor Trott commented on his interview of the High School civics class and TRCI employee recognition week.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Clucas gave updates on the library/city hall construction site, current building repair, ethics commission legislation and the Kiwanis Club "mile of hope". He also reported that sycamore trees had been donated and planted in the cemeteries.

Public Works Superintendent Frances reported that arterial or collector streets need to be designated as such in order to receive stimulus funds of \$138,000.

Finance Director Glover reported that the budget resolutions would be presented at the next council meeting.

Police Chief Huxel announced that 6/15/2009 was a free shred day for anyone with documents that needed to be shredded and on 5/15/2009 at 10:00 a.m. a ceremony was planned in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Discussion items included gang activity, mowing the strip between Highway 730 and Lewis Street, an historical sail ship, trees needing to be trimmed along Powerline Road and support of Landing Days.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:00 p.m. the regular council meeting was adjourned to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 to discuss a personnel matter and a proposed real estate transaction.

**RECONVENE:** The regular council meeting was reconvened at 8:25 p.m. After some discussion, Councilor Roxbury moved to reject Kathy Meharry's proposal to trade the library parking lot property for her lot identified as Umatilla County plat map #5N2817BD tax lot 9200. Motion was seconded by Councilor Johnson and carried by majority vote with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Stokoe – aye; Meade – no; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion, the regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder