

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 7, 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, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Melvin Heutt has lived in the community for four years, would like to see the city come fix the pot holes as part of that street is the city's.

John Nichols is concerned about Semi trucks being on City streets where they are not supposed to be and he would like to see something done prior to having to re pave or patching them before it becomes a major issue. Mr. Nichols also talked about the marina, and having some concerns about chris inc continueing to run the marina as they have never ran it in the black. He suggested contacting port of Columbia and talking with them as they had a similar situation and now have a couple that are under contract and have turned it around and made it successful.

Dave Meade spoke about tourism and transient room tax.

**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 Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS: Hasmukh Mistry** – Mr. Mistry asked that there be better communication within this small community and the city and businesses. He asked that the council and city employee attend the chamber monthly meeting and get involved. Mr. Mistry is also frustrated because the planning commission has talked about improvement and beautifying the city and nothing has changed. He also spoke in regards to the water and sewer rate and how this increase is really going to affect his bottom line. He suggested a senior citizen rate.

**Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Proclamation** – Mayor Lafferty read the proclamation proclaiming May 15, 2013 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls as Police Week.

**Resolution 07-2013** – Declaring surplus property. The resolution is to declare a 1974 backhoe as surplus to be sold. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Resolution 07-2013 and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick- Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Approved unanimously.

**Property Negotiation** – In the past week there has been a realtor approach Manager Ward about some property that the city should consider getting that is located by Landing Park that is part of the old Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way. The council gave their permission for Mr. Ward to proceed to find out more information regarding this opportunity.

**Public Comment** – John Nichols wanted to clarify about the senior discount only being an age issue.

Melvin Heutt spoke again in regards to the water and senior discount.

Jack McWhinnie questioned the senior discount as he was under the impression you had to be below the poverty level not just be older than 65 years old. He also stated that the city should hold a hearing to let the community have their input prior to a major decision being made by the council. Mr. McWhinnie also asked for each department to give a report as to what has been going on the past month.

Shirley Frost stated that she agreed with Mr. Mcwhinnie about needing to get more people involved but stated that there is no easy answer in regards to that issue. She also commended Mr. McWhinnie for caring so much about the community.

Hasmukh Mistry asked for a way to have an email list to create more communication between the city and the community.

**Mayors Message** – went to see mr. hansell at the Oregon house of representatives for a meeting, has been in contact with mr. Schmidt he will be getting some contacts with the Marine board to help with the opportunity to help get some funds for the improvement for the marina, that is the best option. Attended the TRCI honoring appreciation week.

**Manager's report** – Manger ward noted that they had their first old town site working group meeting and it was very informative, went over some of the history. Found there is a lot in common and he is feeling optimistic will be meeting twice amonth for the next few months. Focusing on a MOU first. Corp did some basic species removal it is looking good. Budget passed the budget committee and the discussion was positive and informative. Code improvement board is having a good effect and they are still working on figuring out how to get things done, it is a still work in progress. Will be off the rest of the week. Roak went to the port meeting to make a plea to take reservations beyond September at the marina, they refused, and said the city needs to figure it out.

**ADJOURN** – There being no further business the regular council meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Pat Lafferty – Major

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Angela Hughes – City Recorder