

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 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, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.

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

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2013 as presented and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Keith Harding with the Umatilla Museum presented Chief Darla Huxel with a plaque of appreciation for her time, money and materials she has donated to getting the museum all spruced up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutcheson-Talaski with the Chamber of Commerce said that people stopping into the welcome center is up by twenty percent from this time last year. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Landing Days celebration and encouraged their attendance.

Boyd Sharp gave a presentation on what people will experience on the boat rides during Landing Days.

John Nichols is concerned about all the tall weeds that are a major fire hazard in the residential areas.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the paid invoices and 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. Motion Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #08-2013 Adoption of Supplemental Budget for 2012-2013

Resolution # 09-2013 Appropriations for the supplemental budget for 2012-2013

Resolution #10-2013 Transferring funds and appropriations for general, water and sewer funds 2012-13

Councilor Smith made a motion to adopt Resolutions #08-2013, 09-2013 and 10-2013. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

Resolution #11-2013 Adoption of the e2013-2014 budget

Resolution # 12-2013 Appropriating amounts for fiscal year 2013-2014

Resolution #13-2013 Levying ad valorem taxes and categorizing taxes for the 2013-2014 fiscal year

Resolution #14-2013 Declaring the city's election to receive state revenues

Councilor Fenton made a motion to adopt Resolution #11-2013, 12-2013, 13-2013 and 14-2013. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

Resolution #15-2013 Amending section 20 to include senior citizen discount; and amend the title of Resolution #05-2013. Councilor Fenton made a motion to adopt Resolution #15-2013 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. Motion Carried unanimously.

Transient Room Tax Grant Application The Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center has requested \$5,750 for the purchase of a mobile stage for events and the Umatilla Museum and Historical Foundation has requested \$3,500 for their continuing efforts to improve, expand and restore the condition of the building. Councilor Dedrick made a motion to approve the Transient Room Tax Grant applications with the stipulation that the Chamber form a committee of City employees, Chamber Employees and citizens at large to determine fees and stage rules. Councilor Fenton seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye, Councilor Johnson – Aye. Motion Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Eastern Oregon Telecom Letter – This letter is just an update stating that they are making good progress in getting cable, internet and phone services available from the old cable company.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karen Hutcheson-Talaski thanked the council for their approval of the Transient Room Tax grant application for the stage.

Boyd Sharp introduced Karen Gayleen who is the one that put together the informational brochure that is to be used on the boat rides at the Landing Days Celebration.

John Nichols was concerned about giving someone a façade upgrade grant for a building that is not owned by the applicant.

Larry Nelson thanked the council for the Museum grant approval. Mr. Nelson also got permission to do tours on the old town site again during Landing days

Judy Simmons commended the Code Enforcement Board on all their hard work and encouraged the citizens to keep the board apprised on any additional code issues.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty attended a League of Oregon Cities meeting where he made contact with Susan who is going to help him find some funding for the Marina and RV Park.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Ward updated the council on the progress with the Old Town site Working Group, the Marina & RV Park and the Code Improvement Board. Mr. Ward also informed the council that the Perennial Power Holdings, Inc plans to build a power plant in the Hermiston Area and

the Umatilla City Council has been appointed as a special advisory group to deal with the impacts of the facilities within the municipal boundaries.

Chief Huxel talked about her summer G.R.E.A.T. program, (Gang Resistance Education and Training). They will be meeting each Tuesday with a group of about 30 kids and doing some training and field trips then on Thursdays they will meet with the kids and the families. The program will begin June 18th.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to discuss the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Pat Lafferty – Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Hughes – City Recorder