

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 5, 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton, Councilors Stokoe, Meade and Johnson  
**STAFF:** Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Public Works Director Frances,  
Finance Director Glover, Police Chief Huxel and Planner Lunden.

At this time Mayor Pro-tem Fenton declared himself a voting member to constitute a quorum.

**COUNCIL POSITION #1 APPOINTMENT:** Applications for appointment to Council Position #1 were submitted by Brandon Wilson and Mary Dedrick. After a brief discussion, Councilor Johnson moved to continue without appointment to the position. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**KAREN HUTCHINSON-TALASKI** gave a presentation on planning for a proposed Sesquicentennial celebration in 2012.

**MINUTES:** Councilor Johnson moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2011 regular Council and the June 28, 2011 special Council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Hutchinson-Talaski expressed her comments on the Landing Days celebration and thanked everyone for making this year's celebration a great success.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Discussion items included the budget publication, snow tire changes, building inspection charges, fuel charges, Intertie Well repair and liquor license renewals, Councilor Johnson moved to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report and liquor license renewals. Motion was seconded by Councilor Stokoe and unanimously approved. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution #01-2012 – Water Rate Increase and Finger Print Card Rate Increase. It was noted that the Council's consensus at the June 28, 2011 special Council meeting was for an increase of 15% for both base rate and usage rate. Council also agreed that a hardship rate should be adopted for low income households to remain at the current rate. Also included in the fee resolution amendment was an increase in fees for finger print cards. Councilor Meade moved to adopt Resolution #01-2012 and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #765 – Annexation Requirement for Water & Sewer Connection. Manager Ward reported that this ordinance was to require annexation for any future connections to City sewer services and water services. Exceptions would include the Port of Umatilla’s McNary Industrial Park for water services and properties not yet contiguous for sewer service. Councilor Johnson moved for the first reading of Ordinance #765 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. After the first reading, Councilor Johnson moved for the second reading of Ordinance #765 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Meade. After the second reading, Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #765 and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Stokoe – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Robert Beitel submitted a letter expressing his opinion regarding the proposed Port of Entry facility relocation.

Public comment: Larry Nelson expressed his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for the proposed suggestions on sesquicentennial celebration.

Karen Talaski expressed her appreciation to the City crew’s help on the Landing Days celebration.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor Pro-tem Fenton expressed his appreciation for all those who participated in The Landing Days celebration.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward expressed appreciation to Karla Nelson for all of the work she has done during her tenure. He gave an update on the community surveys, Corps of Engineers projects, zoning code changes and Beach Access Road utilities. He then explained code issues he was having regarding his newly purchased home with landscaping elements, etc., extending into the Sage Street right-of-way.

Planner Lunden reported that he was working on some development code changes.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:** Discussion items included the Landing Days celebration and Karen Hutchinson-Talaski’s sesquicentennial presentation.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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GEORGE FENTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

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Linda Gettmann, City Recorder