

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Roxbury, Meade, Fenton and Johnson
ABSENT: Councilors Stokoe and Dufloth
STAFF PRESENT: City Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover, Police Chief Huxel and City Attorney Gary Luisi

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:02 p.m. the regular council meeting was adjourned to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss a property transaction.

Kathy Meharry proposed to trade her property described as Umatilla county Plat Map #5N2817DB tax lot 9200 in exchange for the City's property described as 5N2817BD tax lot 4600. She had proposed to purchase the City's property for \$25,000 with a \$5,000 earnest money agreement and later paid \$2,500 to extend the closing date until June 30, 2009. The closing date had since been extended an additional 30 days because she claimed that she did not receive the preliminary title report. After an extended discussion, council concluded that the optimum resolution was for Ms. Meharry to pay the remaining \$17,500 for the property purchase by July 30, 2009. If that resolution cannot be obtained, the City Attorney would be authorized to negotiate a trade with reimburse of only \$2,500.

RECONVENE: At 7:47, the regular council meeting was reconvened.

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2009 public hearing and regular council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Meharry commented on the property purchase contract. She was referred to her attorney.

Libby Bovent reported on the distinguished citizen awards banquet, the Umatilla Landing Days celebration and the all grades high school reunion.

Cathy Putnam reported on the Washington Group International donation of \$200.00 to the Umatilla Friends of the Library in support of the summer youth program.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included the water CCR reports, building fees, a K-9 cop replacement, LGPI membership fee, the architect fee and the court attorney fees, a transmission replacement, the Pet Rescue fee and the liquor license application submitted by Reyna's Restaurant. Councilor Johnson made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, building permit report, court report and a liquor license application submitted by Reyna's Restaurant. Motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

OLD BUSINESS: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. With no issues being expressed, Councilor Fenton moved to accept the proposed Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan prepared by Umatilla County Emergency Management and Oregon Natural Hazards Workgroup. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #01-2010 – Agreement with ODOT to Exchange Federal Funds for State Funds. The funds would be used for street overlay projects. Councilor Fenton moved to accept Resolution #01-2010 and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Collective Bargaining Unit Contract Agreement – It was noted that the agreement was not ready for approval yet.

CORRESPONDENCE: Planning Commission Resignation – Amy Verley. Councilor Fenton moved to accept Amy Verley’s resignation from the Planning Commission and was seconded by Councilor Roxbury. Roll call: Roxbury – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Trott noted an invitation to the “Change of Command” ceremony at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott read a proclamation proclaiming July 2009 to be Oregon National Guard Month. He also reported on a meeting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation regarding the “Old Town” site.

STAFF REPORT: Finance Director gave an update on HB 2001 which is a transportation package putting a moratorium on local gas taxes. She also reported that the annual audit was scheduled for the week of August 24, 2009.

Police Chief Huxel gave an update on the maintenance training, the JAG grant application submitted for training in drug recognition and interdiction stops and gang awareness, and a grant for speed radars. She also reported that she visited Councilor Stokoe in the hospital and was told that he needed a handicap ramp installed at his home before he could be released. She was organizing a work group to get a handicap ramp installed for him.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included Councilor Stokoe, Landing Days, the fishing tournament, a mobile home removed in Power City, dilapidated buildings and incomplete poles near Crossroads Truck Stop along Highway 730.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:30 p.m. the regular council meeting was again adjourned to Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2) to discuss the Manager’s position search committee report.

RECONVENE & ADJOURN: The regular council was reconvened at 8:45 p.m. and with no further business discussion, adjourned immediately thereafter.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder