

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2013**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Lafferty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade, Fenton and Smith.

**STAFF:** Manager Ward, Recorder Hughes, Public Works Director Pelleberg, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles and Lieutenant Kennedy.

**MINUTES:** Councilor Meade moved to approve the June 4, 2013 as written and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jack Mcwhinnie who is on the code improvement board spoke about his concerns with the code violations in the downtown area and encouraged all the councilors to take a drive to see what needs cleaned up. Mr. Mcwhinnie also stated that he plans to stay on the code improvement board.

Roak Tenyck congratulated the city on their efforts in regards to the marina. He thanked everyone that put time and effort into the project.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the paid invoices and court reports. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Parks and Recreation committee appointment – Manager Ward informed the council that there is one committee member who has never come to a meeting and the other who has only attended a couple of times, Mr. Ward would like for the council to declare these two positions vacant. Councilor Dedrick moved to declare Miguel and Veronica's seats vacant. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Dedrick moved to appoint Shane Finck to the Parks and Recreation Committee and was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ordinance #783 – Repeal Ordinance 725 – Councilor Smith moved for the first reading of Ordinance #783 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Smith moved to adopt Ordinance #783 and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School Funding – Manager Ward stated that ODOT, Anderson Perry and the City are reviewing the project to come up with ways of matching the scope of the project to the available funds awarded in the grant. When the grant was awarded it was assumed that the grant fund would cover the scope of the project as identified in the grant request; however that was almost two years ago. They are working on scaling the project back to fit the funding from the grant. They are talking about trying to come up with some matching funds from the City and the School District which would allow some lighting to be added to the walk path from the foot bridge to Clara Brownell Middle School. Councilor Fenton moved to create a matching fund, not to exceed \$30,000, with the School District to put towards the Safe Routes to School project. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Fenton – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Open bids for surplus property – City Recorder Hughes opened all the sealed bids and read them aloud to the council. Mr. Pelleberg the Public Works Director wrote down the bids and noted the winners and will send letters out to all the bidders.

Council Vacancy – Manager Ward stated that he checked in the councils' options for filling the open spot. Council can either appoint someone until the next general election, which is November 2014, or leave the position open until November 2014 as Steve Johnson resigned effective July 1, 2013. The consensus was to appoint someone into that position at the next council meeting until the next election.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter to Mr. Arterburn – Manager Ward received a letter from Mr. Arterburn regarding the fee increase that took effect July 1, 2013 and his dissatisfaction with the cost of water. Manager ward included in the packet his response to Mr. Arterburn.

**MAYOR'S MESSAGE** – Mayor Lafferty is still working on getting more funding for the Marina and RV Park. He also fielded a lot of concern over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend about fireworks, he is working with the police department on this issue. Mayor Lafferty noted that he has been working with the Public Works Director and the City Planner on getting more trees planted around town.

**STAFF REPORT** – Manager Ward is still working with the old town site group things have slowed down because the tribes have asked for some additional time to review the memorandum of understanding. The Marina's projected date of takeover is September 12<sup>th</sup> barring any mishaps. Mr. Ward has had a citizen approach him about painting house numbers on curbs, Mr. Ward asked him for a quote and has not received a response. Mr. Ward will be involved in a meeting regarding the opportunity to acquire some property that could be a park on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN** – There being no further business, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Pat Lafferty – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angela Hughes – City Recorder