

**CITY OF UMATILLA
PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Lafferty opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to hear public testimony regarding a Comprehensive Plan/Zoning map amendment at 900 5th Street in Umatilla.

There was no public testimony.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: At 7:01 the public hearing was closed and the regular Council meeting was called to order immediately thereafter.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Meade, Fenton, Smith and Johnson.
ABSENT: Councilor Stokoe
STAFF: Manager Ward, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Officer Ince, Planner Searles, Police Chief Huxel and Public Works Director Frances

MINUTES: Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2012 regular Council as presented and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nichols stated that emphasis was needed on street lighting, streets and speed control, particularly on Powerline Road.

Stuart Bonney commented on a letter he received from Umatilla County regarding an archery club which is on his property on Lind Road and in the urban growth boundary. The letter stated that no county permits had been issued for the facility. He asked the City to respond to the letter in support of the facility. He also said that he plans to lease the Buck's Lane property for a dealership.

Dave Meade commented on a political protest on the sidewalk in front of the grocery store which created some visibility issues onto 6th Street and asked for code changes to address such situations.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included replacement locks, cleaning sewer line of grease and oil, slide gate replacement, water system auto dialer replacement and the City's 10% match for the Umatilla Bridge project. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda to include the paid invoices and court reports. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Library Board Appointment – Shauna LaDue submitted an application for appointment to the Library Board. Mayor Lafferty made the appointment which was confirmed by a motion from Councilor Dedrick and seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Property Sale Negotiation – 5N2814BD Tax Lot 6403. Manager Ward reported that the adjacent property owner had proposed to purchase the property which would be of no value to anyone but the adjacent property. The buyer would pay all costs associated with the sale. Councilor Smith moved to authorize Manager Ward to negotiate the sale of the property and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Request for Utility Billing Relief – Port of Umatilla. Kim Puzey and Kurt Bendixon of the Port of Umatilla gave a presentation stating that the Port has a lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Umatilla Marina and R.V. Park. The current lease would expire in December 2018. The Port subsidizes about \$1,000 per week for operation, maintenance, etc. of the facility and requested slightly more than \$7,000 annually from the City in utility costs. After much discussion, Council tabled action on this issue for more information.

Salmon Walk Fund Request – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Manager Ward explained that this was an annual request and the City had contributed \$500 in the past. Councilor Fenton moved to approve a

\$500.00 contribution to the annual Salmon Walk fund. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Ordinance #777 – Comprehensive Plan/Zone Map Amendment. Planner Searles explained that the property owner proposed to change the zoning of the lot legally described as “Lot 1, Block 74, Wardwell’s Addition subdivision in Section 17BD, Township 5 North, Range 28 East of the Willamette Meridian, City of Umatilla, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon” and the address being 900 5th Street. Councilor Smith moved to accept the conclusion of the Planning Commission and City Planner to rezone the affected property from Downtown Commercial to Downtown Residential. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Councilor Smith moved for the first reading of Ordinance #777 to be by title only and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously. After the first reading of Ordinance #777, Councilor Fenton moved for the second reading of Ordinance #777 by title only and was seconded by Councilor Smith. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote. After the second reading of Ordinance #777, Councilor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance #777. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye.

Forced Abatement – 1561 8th Street. Manager Ward explained that in March complaints on this property were brought to the Code Improvement Board and citations were issued for a considerable amount of debris, auto repair activities in the alley, an abandoned vehicle and a dog at large. To date, fines have exceeded \$4,000 and violations have not been remedied. The Code Improvement Board requested to force abatement of the property. Cost would exceed \$350.00 and if the offending party does not pay for cost of abatement, a lien could be put on the property. Councilor Smith moved to authorize the forced abatement and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Smith – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Judy Simmons commented on code violations in her neighborhood and asked about code revisions to allow pets other than cats and dogs. Response was that the code violations should be addressed by the Code Improvement Board and the code revisions would be presented at the September Council meeting.

Stuart Bonney talked about negotiations for a water line easement on his property along Highway 730.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Lafferty expressed his concerns regarding the finished product on the Umatilla River Bridge improvements. He also expressed his appreciation to the committee members for all of their hard work.

MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Ward reported that the contract with ESD was cancelled, discussed the June financial report, the Code Improvement Board review of Title 4 of the code, the safe routes to schools project, the Umatilla River bridge project, credit card bill payment and the Comprehensive Plan update.

Finance Officer Ince reported that the credit card payment option was progressing and hoped to have it up and running by October 15.

Planner Searles reported that he had been working on the Comprehensive Plan update.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included a washout station, unsightly lots, the bridge construction, Steve Trukositz’s building and the archery range.

A special Council meeting/work session was scheduled for August 21, 2012 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business discussion, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder