

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Fenton called the Council Question session to order at 6:30 pm

Manager Ward asked Roak Ten Eyck, Linda Schutt and Donald Hewitt a series of questions regarding their interest in being appointed to the open City Council seat.

ADJOURNED: Council President Fenton closed the Council Question session at 6:50 pm

CALLED TO ORDER: Council President Fenton called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Council President Fenton, Councilor Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade and Smith.

ABSENT: Mayor Lafferty

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

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to approve the August 5, 2013 minutes as written and Councilor Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye and Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Nichols asked about whom the boat slip rent should be paid to since the transition happens in the middle of the month. Staff informed Mr. Nichols that it should be paid to the marina like normal.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment – Councilor Smith moved to appoint Tina Ridings to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Improvement Board – Councilor Farnsworth move to appoint Judy Simmons to the Code Improvement Board and was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointment – Councilor Smith moved to appoint Craig Simson to the Planning Commission. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council Appointment – The Council elected to do a ballot style election process, Manager Ward collected and tallied the votes which appointed Roak Ten Eyck with a 3-2 vote. Roak then came forward and was sworn in by Recorder Hughes and then joined the rest of the councilors.

Code Improvement Board/City Council Workshop – Manager Ward noted that the council and code improvement board had a workshop on August 28, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS: 5th Street Property Purchase - Manager Ward informed the council that the assessed value of the property is 23,000 however the current owner stated that they would be more than willing to entertain offers of less than the assessed value. Council all agreed that Mr. Ward should go ahead and make an offer on the property.

NEW BUSINESS: Salmon Walk 2013 – Each year the city supports the Salmon walk with a donation. Councilor Smith moved to donate \$500 to the event. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #1-2014 Appropriating operating fund within the general and sewer funds for fiscal year 2013-2014, Resolution #2-2014 adopting supplemental budget for fiscal year 2013-2014, Resolution #3-2014 Making appropriations for the 2013-2014 supplemental budget – Councilor Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution #1-2014, Resolution #2-2014 and Resolution#3-2014. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Northeast Oregon Water Association Membership – JR Cook has formed this association to work with water rights holders, the agricultural industry and regulatory agencies to make certified but unused surface water available through lease to farmers for irrigation that would in turn free up ground water supplies currently used for irrigation for storage within the aquifer and use for domestic water consumption. This would be a great opportunity for us to stabilize water rates, increase reserves for the future development of our Columbia River water rights and contribute to the protection of the ground water aquifers that are currently suffering.

Marina/RV Park Assignment of Lease – Manager Ward informed the Council that the Corp of Engineers was still waiting for a final answer from the tribes. Also the Tribes had chosen to take their full response time of 90 days; however they have not expressed any interest in the facility. Mr. Ward highly encouraged the council to go forward with the approval of the lease as he did not foresee any issues arising with the tribes. Councilor Smith moved to affirm the Marina/RV park lease and CRIS Inc contract agreement and authorize Manager Ward to sign them. Councilor Meade seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Smith – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Boyd Sharp – This letter is in regards to Mr. Sharp not being able to make it to the council interview process due to being out of town, no action was required.

Letter to Mrs. Melissa Martinez – This letter is just in response to her concern regarding the current zoning ordinances that pertain to her property on 6th Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Nichols suggested that the council follow the progress at Crow Butte Park in Washington for ideas as the city takes on the Marina/RV Park here in Umatilla. Also Mr. Nichols voiced his concern about the high school runners that go up and down Powerline Road and how something needs to be done to keep them safe on that road.

Larry Nelson congratulated Roak Ten Eyck on his appointment to the City Council.

STAFF REPORT – Manager Ward informed the council that there will be a small ceremony on September 12th to acknowledge the changing of the management at the Marina/RV Park. He also informed the Council that the city will no longer be putting the flags at city hall at half mass because the flags beat against the building. The school district has approved \$30,000 for the safe routes to school project to help with the shortfall on that project. Mr. Ward also noted that he will be out of the office on vacation the week of September 9th.

ADJOURNED – There being no further business, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

George Fenton – Council President

ATTEST:

Angela Hughes – City Recorder