

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Council President Fenton, Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Meade and Ten Eyck.

**ABSENT:** Mayor Lafferty, Councilor Smith

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

**MINUTES:** Councilor Meade moved to approve the September 3, 2013 minutes as written and Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick – Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye and Councilor Ten Eych – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Hutchinson-Talaski with the Chamber of Commerce listed the upcoming community events and encouraged everyone to attend the business to business meeting. She also noted that visitors to the Chamber/Visitors center is up from this time last year by approximately 1500 people so far.

Dusty Nolan moved to Umatilla in March of this year and has had a concern about his water quality since the day he moved in. Mr. Nolan has been unable to get his concerns addressed and is asking for someone to help get him some answers. Also Mr. Nolan stated that something needs to be done with the shrubs at the end of Monroe Street because you can't see around them to be able to tell if there is any oncoming traffic.

Hasmukh Mistry stated that they plan to have the old Dessert River Inn hotel and restaurant opened by thanksgiving, they are currently working with the hotel franchise to get the rooms updated. Mr. Mistry asked for the communities input on the property and stated that they need more lighting on the streets up there as it is very dark.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Meade moved to approve the paid invoices and court report. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick –Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Ten Eyck – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Parks and Recreation committee resignation- Councilor Farnsworth made a motion to accept Roak Ten Eyck's letter of resignation from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilor Dedrick seconded the motion. . Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick –Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Ten Eyck – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Parks and Recreation District- Manger Ward is asking for the council's input on the formation of a Parks and Recreation District. Manager Ward wants to know if the council would like to proceed with the formation of a Parks and Recreation district to put on the ballot before the voters, or if we should wait to see how things play out with the Marina and the Corp of Engineers with the remainder of the 4 year lease. After some discussion the council came to the agreement that the city should wait to form a parks and recreation district for now.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 5<sup>th</sup> Street Property Purchase – Manager Ward informed the Council that the city made an offer for \$18,000 to Mr. Joe McDaniel for his property, in which he accepted. Councilor Meade made a motion to move forward with the purchase at the cost of \$18,000. Councilor Ten Eyck seconded the motion. . Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick –Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Ten Eyck – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Marina Lease-** Manager Ward recommends that the council approve this supplemental lease. Mr. Ward stated that the change in this lease is in regards to the disrupting the ground when digging and would require a notice to the tribes and Corp of Engineers before digging. Mr. Ward stated this is something that is manageable. Councilor Dedrick made a motion to approve the Supplemental Lease Agreement No 1, Lease No. DACW57-1-94-008. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. . Roll Call: Councilor Dedrick –Aye, Councilor Farnsworth – Aye, Councilor Meade – Aye, Councilor Ten Eyck – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**Safe Routes to School Concept Design Approval** – In the council packet is the design concept, Manager Ward informed the council that the grant money will all be used for the updates to the parking lot at the grade school. Mr. Ward stated that money from the school district and the city will be used for lighting from the foot bridge on the Umatilla River to the Jr/Sr High School or as far as the funds will allow. These projects are slated to start in the summer of 2014.

**County Levies-** County Commissioner Bill Elfering and Umatilla County Sherriff Terry Rowan gave a short presentation on the two levies that are due to be on the ballot November 5<sup>th</sup>. Both Mr. Elfering and Sherriff Rowan encouraged the council to help educated the public about these levies and vote in favor of both of the levies.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward noted that the next Old town site working group meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Ward updated that almost all the clean up from the big storm a week prior is almost all cleaned up, and the city will make the wood available to the community in a month or two. Mr. Ward stated that the city has been approached by the National Guard 1249<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion to help with some local projects while here doing some training next June. It was suggested they work on Hash Park.

Manager Ward also stated that Dan from the Corp of Engineers came by the office today to inform him that all the parks around the McNary Dam are closed due to the federal shutdown starting October 2, 2013.

**ADJOURNED** – There being no further business, the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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George Fenton – Council President

ATTEST:

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Angela Hughes – City Recorder