

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 01, 2015**

- 1. CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. ROLL CALL:**
  - PRESENT:** Councilors Dedrick, Farnsworth, Ray, Lougee, and TenEyck.
  - ABSENT:** Councilor Fenton.
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Recorder Sandoval, Manager Ward, Finance Director Ince, Planner Searles, Public Works Director Pelleberg, and Chief Huxel.
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited at 7:01pm.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilor Ray moved to amend the agenda by removing item 10.1 NOWA Agreement on pages 27 -31 and item 11.2 Resolution No. 12-2016 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement with the Northeast Oregon Water Association for Lease of Municipal Water Rights on the Columbia River *page 50* The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 5. PRESENTATION:**
  - 5.1 East Oregon Telecom Presentation – Broadband Update - Joe Franell, the general manager and CEO of East Oregon Telecom gave a presentation about the expansion of broadband in Umatilla. He stated that they have covered ninety percent of Umatilla. They offer fiber optics all along Sixth Street into HWY 730 and the Port of Umatilla. They are not done yet, and within the next twelve months they plan to upgrade the electronics providing to the residential service to allow them to upload up to one hundred megabits per second to homes in Umatilla and McNary. It impacts the livable and property value. Cities and municipalizes across the United States that have ultra-fast internet service have seen property value go up on average about five thousand dollars. There is a real benefit to the residents of Umatilla. It makes it easier to attract businesses and families to the area.
  - 5.2 Anderson Perry Presentation – 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Other Projects – David Wildman and Andy Lindsey gave a presentation on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street project. They explained to Council how they had broken down the project in two separate phases. The full project was at an estimated cost of \$4.66 million. Phase One of the project was at an estimated cost of \$1.06 Million and Phase Two was at an estimated \$1.09 Million. Phase One consisted of full storm drain system, enhanced pedestrian crossing at Switzler Ave, and ROW acquisition for future phases. Phase Two consisted of full project from I Street all the way to L Street, and to seek further enhance funding for 2018 – 2021 STIP.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved by Councilor Lougee to approve minutes as presented November 03, 2015. It was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
  - 7.1 Karen Hutchinson-Talaski – As of the end of last month they were fifty-two percent up from last year for visitors. They had one-hundred thirty last year and one-hundred ninety seven this year. They were thirty-two percent up from all years and they are very excited about that. Wanted to invite everyone to the annual open house. It is from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

- 8. CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor TenEyck moved to approve item 8.1(a) CRIS, Inc. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted: 4-1-0. Councilor Ray abstained. Motion Carried. Councilor TenEyck moved to approve time 8.1(b) All Remaining Invoices, and 8.2 Court Report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ray. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 9.1 Mr. Jaime Olvera resigned from the Planning Commission. It was moved by Councilor Lougee to declare a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 9.2 Mr. Eduardo Ortiz submitted an application to be appointed to the Planning Commission. It was moved by Councilor Dedrick to appoint Mr. Ortiz to the Planning Commission. Councilor Farnsworth seconded the motion. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried.
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
- 11. NEW BUSINESS:**
- 11.1 Resolution No. 09-2016 - It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve Resolution No. 09-2016 – CTUIR/City of Umatilla/Old Town Site to give the authorization for the Mayor to sign an agreement for vegetation management on the land owned by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 4-0. Motion Carried.
- 11.2 Resolution No. 10-2016 – It was moved by Councilor Lougee to approve Resolution No. 10-2016 – Permit/Lease for Soccer Fields to give the Mayor the authorization to sign a permit application. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 4-0. Motion Carried.
- 11.3 Liquor License Application – Quality Inn - It was moved by Councilor TenEyck to approve the liquor license application for Golden Star Lounge. The motion was seconded by Councilor Farnsworth. Voted: 4-0. Motion Carried.
- 11.4 The Council reached a consensus for the Transient Room Tax Committee and the Community Development Committee to have a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 5:45pm to discuss options for the Chamber and the Museum to have a direct source of funding from the Transient Room Tax instead of the grant application process.
- 12. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
- 13. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 14. MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor Trott explained that there was a writing contest for grade school and middle school students. There was also a presentation contest for high school students. Both of these were being put on by the Oregon Mayors Association, and the contest is called “If, I were mayor, I would . . .” The contest will be held by the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. The winners at the state level will win an Air iPad 2.
- 15. STAFF REPORT:** Public Works Director Pelleberg explained that the de-icing equipment was being put to work before the store hits. Mayor Trott wanted to know what the solution that was being used was. Public Works Director Pelleberg explained that the City was using a thirty percent magnesium chloride mix, and that it was slightly corrosive. Manager Ward explained that the Planning Commission was ready to take on the sign ordinance. He cautioned that the sign ordinance was not a land use issue, and we should be careful to not make sign decisions to be LUBA decisions. Even though the Planning Commission was taking it

on, it was not a land use function. The Planning Commission is asking for some initial guidance from the Council. Manager Ward suggested that the Community Development Committee of the Council meet with the subcommittee of the Planning Commission. He also suggests that someone from the Chamber of Commerce and the business community do a field trip. They need to start with what is currently downtown, what needs to be preserved, and what we would like to get rid of, and then use that as they look through the League of Oregon Cities sign ordinance. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is being held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. On December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm the staff will have the annual potluck for a full hour. Councilor Fenton is still recovering and action can be deferred on the manager transition plan until he is feeling better. There is still time to work on that.

**16. COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:**

- 16.1 Councilor TenEyck – Wanted to wish everybody a great holiday time and encouraged people to take advantage of their time off.
- 16.2 Councilor Lougee – Congratulated the Umatilla School District’s Superintendent, Heidi Sipe on winning Superintendent of the Year of Oregon. He thinks it’s a good reflection on the things that are happening at the school here in our community and it is exciting to see that kind of recognition. He spent the day in Salem and every time he is over there, people want to talk about Umatilla schools. They are looking at them as an example.
- 16.3 Councilor Ray – He said he wouldn’t see everyone until next year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He will spend his in a much warmer place.
- 16.4 Councilor Farnsworth – Wanted to congratulate Heidi Sipe for her hard work. She has done a lot for the community. She is definitely an asset and has done so much for the kids. She also thanked Public Works Director Pelleberg for the City’s efforts on keeping the roads safe.
- 16.5 Councilor Dedrick – Wanted to let people know that they have not finalized the plan to celebrate Heidi Sipe. Thanked everyone for coming and Merry Christmas.

**17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 (2)(g)**

**18. RECONVENE:**

**19. ADJOURN:** The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2016. It was moved by Councilor Farnsworth to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Voted: 5-0. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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David P. Trott – Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nanci Sandoval – City Recorder