

**CITY OF UMATILLA
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Trott called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Trott, Councilors Jorstad, Meade, Fenton, Dufloth and Johnson

ABSENT: Councilor Roxbury

STAFF PRESENT: Manager Clucas, Recorder Gettmann, Finance Director Glover and
Police Chief Huxel

MINUTES: Councilor Meade moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2008 workshop and regular council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fenton and unanimously approved. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Roxbury referred to Resolution #11-2009 to support formation of a special district for operation and maintenance of the 450 MHZ Radio System. He would be glad to answer any questions the council may have regarding this issue.

Jan Beitel presented a grant check to the City in the amount of \$2,000 from the Umatilla County Cultural Coalition for the installation of a new reader board at the proposed library/city hall facility.

Lavonne Star Meyer announced the grand opening of the Chamber of Commerce facility and extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discussion items included planning expenses incurred by the school district, the annual water bond payment, a computer purchase and ammunition purchase. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices, court report, building permit report and lien search report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jorstad and unanimously approved. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution #09-2009 – Contract Agreement with Woodburn Construction for Library/City Hall Facility. Gail Sargent of Sargent Architects explained that negotiations were continuing with the contractor to reduce the bid amount. Staff recommended to table this issue until negotiations were completed. After a brief discussion, Councilor Jorstad moved to table Resolution #09-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Dufloth. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #10-2009 – Accept Financing for Library/City Hall Facility. Banner Bank agreed to make a loan commitment in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 over 20 years with an interest rate of 4.9% subject to additional conditions as described in the letter submitted by Banner Bank dated November 7, 2008. Councilor Jorstad moved to adopt Resolution #10-2009 and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resolution #11-2009 – Support of Special District for 450 MHZ Radio System. Fire Chief Mike Roxbury explained that the radio system was put in place by CSEPP for destruction of the chemical weapons at the Umatilla Chemical Depot. When the incineration project is completed, federal funds for maintaining and operating the system will end. Local jurisdictions will have the full financial responsibility for the

system. The local jurisdictions who use the system propose the formation of a special district to fund maintenance and operation of the system. After some discussion, Councilor Jorstad moved to accept Resolution #11-2009. Motion was seconded by Councilor Dufloth and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

Ratify November 4, 2008 Election Results. Councilor Johnson made a motion to ratify the election results of the November 4, 2008 election in which David Trott was elected to the Mayor’s position, Richard Stokoe to Council Position #2, George Fenton to Council Position #4, Daren Dufloth to Council Position #5 and Steve Johnson to Council Position #6. Motion was seconded by Councilor Jorstad and unanimously accepted. Roll call: Jorstad – aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Dufloth – aye; Johnson – aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: Portland State University preliminary population estimate for July 1, 2008 was 6735 for the City of Umatilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sam Nobles expressed concern for the school bond defeat and made suggestions of ways to persuade voters to vote favorably to another bond proposal.

MAYOR’S MESSAGE: Mayor Trott noted that although the advisory vote passed for the formation of a marina parks & recreations district, the measure passed by such a slim margin that he recommended not pursuing formation of a marina/parks & recreation district at this time. There were no objections to his recommendation.

STAFF REPORT: Manager Clucas gave updates on the Cable TV franchise, the sale of the library parking lot and development of the Old Town Site. He also discussed power lines proposed by Pacific Power.

Finance Director Glover reported on tax collection.

COUNCIL INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Discussion items included the school bond failure, tree lighting ceremony and Councilor Jorstad’s last official council meeting.

ADJOURN: With no further business discussion, Mayor Trott adjourned the regular council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

DAVID P. TROTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Linda Gettmann, City Recorder