

**CITY OF UMATILLA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2012  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Lafferty called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lafferty, Councilors Dedrick, Stokoe, Meade, Fenton and Johnson  
**ABSENT:** Councilor Smith  
**STAFF:** Manager Ward, Recorder Hughes, Finance Director Ince, Police Chief Huxel and Planner Searles

**MINUTES:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012 regular Council meeting as presented and was seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:** Anderson and Perry made a short presentation on the Safe Routes to School project. They had two preliminary boards to show the Council the proposed updates that will happen starting in 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Karen Hutchinson-Talaski of the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce announced the chambers open house on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm thru 6 pm and invited everyone to stop by and see what is new.

John Nichols explained that the community has come together and appointed Manager Ward as the elected spokesman and Mr. Roak TenEyck as the community spokesman for the communication with the Corp of Engineers regarding the Umatilla Marina/RV Park to help minimize miscommunication.

Roak TenEyck spoke on behalf of the friends of the Umatilla Marina Board, asking that the council look seriously into taking on the Umatilla Marina as a part of the City.

Larry Nelson expressed on behalf of the museum that they appreciate all the community support and want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jack McWhinnie expressed his thanks to Roger Francis for all his years of service to the City of Umatilla.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Fenton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the paid invoices. Motion was seconded by Councilor Meade and unanimously approved. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Planning Commission Appointments – Mel Ray and Keith Harding submitted an application for re-appointment to the Planning Commission. Councilor Dedrick asked what was going too happened when Mr. Ray was out of town for the winter; she was informed we are currently seeking a temporary fill in. Councilor Fenton moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Improvement Board Appointment – David Trott submitted an application to be re-appointed to the Code Improvement Board. Councilor Dedrick moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board Appointment – Linda Schutt submitted an application to be appointed to the Library Board. Councilor Dedrick moved to confirm the appointment and was seconded by Councilor Stokoe. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ratify November 6, 2012 Election results – Councilor Fenton moved to ratify the November 6, 2012 election results, seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 Calendar Planner – Manager Ward recommended approval of the 2013 holiday calendar/Meeting planner. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the 2013 Calendar planner and was seconded by Councilor Meade. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

December 24, 2012 Holiday – Manager Ward asked if the council would consider granting December 24, 2012 as a holiday as it falls on Monday and would allow employees to travel for the Christmas holiday. Councilor Fenton moved to approve Monday December 24, 2012 as a paid holiday for all City employees, seconded by Councilor Dedrick. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Line Easement – Mr. Bonney and the City of Umatilla have been in negotiations regarding a water line easement for the line that crosses Mr. Bonney’s property on Highway 730. Mr. Ward recommended approval of the agreement that would pay Mr. Bonney a onetime payment of \$8,000 plus refund him in the amount of \$2,181 for the System Development Charges that he paid in September of 2011 to connect to the City water service. Councilor Fenton moved to approve the Waterline Easement for Mr. Bonney, seconded by Councilor Johnson. Roll Call: Dedrick – Nay, Stokoe – Aye, Meade- Aye, Fenton – Aye, Johnson – Nay. Motion carried 3-2.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Library Board Resignation – Sharon Farnsworth submitted a letter of resignation from the Library Board as she will be seated on City Council in January. Councilor Johnson moved to accept the letter of resignation and was seconded by Councilor Fenton. Roll call: Dedrick – aye; Stokoe – Aye; Meade – aye; Fenton – aye; Johnson – aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Nichols stated that he has noticed there has been improvement with the street light issues and encouraged Mr. Ward to stay on Pacific Powers Case and continue to push them to fix all the lights.

Jack McWhinnie thanked Councilor Stokoe for all his years of service to the City.

**MAYOR’S MESSAGE:** Mayor Lafferty expressed his appreciation to Linda Gettmann, Roger Frances and Dick Stokoe for their service to the City. He introduced Sharon Farnsworth to the Council as she will be replacing Councilor Stokoe in January. He also encouraged everyone to get signed up for the Chamber newsletter. Mayor Lafferty reminded everyone of the Christmas tree lighting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at village square. He also reminded everyone to encourage members of the community to apply for the various committees that the City has.

**STAFF REPORT:** Manager Ward gave updates on the Marina situation, Water system billing error, downtown revitalization grant, the old town site, credit card payments and the Personnel replacements at city hall. Manager Ward also thanked Mr. Frances for his 25 years with the city and Councilor Stokoe for all his service to the City of Umatilla. Manager Ward also informed the Council that he has Jury Duty for the month of December.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business discussion; the regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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PAT LAFFERTY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Angela Hughes, City Recorder